

# The Beacon

**Academic Year 2018/19**

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## *Hello from Mr West*

Parent-Teacher Consultations - At the midway point of the academic year, I wish to remind you of the upcoming parent-teacher consultations taking place next week (Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February). I urge every parent to take this opportunity to touch base with their child's class teacher - appointments can be made via our e-Schools portal in the usual way. These opportunities aren't just a formality, they're intended to provide you with a personalised insight into your child's learning. It's also a good idea to ask our staff how you can help to support your child at home; learning is a three-way contract between the children, school and home and it always happens best when we're all working together. These meetings are the regular, arranged times for us to meet with you but you are more than welcome to make contact with us at any time, whether this is at school drop-off or pick-up or via email or phone if you can't make it into school. This is especially important if, for any reason, you are unable to make either of the parent-teacher consultation dates we have set aside this term. I do hope you have a great weekend.

## *Hello from Wendy – Chair of the Local Governing Body*

I am pleased to tell you your newly elected parent governor Gemma Scott was able to attend her first governor meeting in January. This meeting had a focus on analysing the performance data for the school for the first term. As with every aspect of school life we too seek to improve how we work as a governing body, so we carried out a successful self-evaluation process which has culminated in a detailed Governor Action Plan being put together.

Catherine and I were pleased to meet the parents attending the parent forum meeting lead by Sam with very positive feedback on the events and journey the school is taking our children on.

We have also met with the Senior Leadership Team to review where we are on the School Improvement Plan. Neil is the governor of the month for February so look out for his presence in school and watch this space for his update later in the month.

Thanks,

Wendy Tout

Chair of the Board of Governors

## *School Term Dates for 2018/2019*

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Parents' evening (including Foundation stage)

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Parents' evening (including Foundation stage)

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Foundation & Year 6 Vista Class Photos

**1st April to 5th April** - The Big Pedal

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holiday 2019.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer Term 2019 begins.

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – PTFA Quiz Night

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday.

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Tempest Class photos & Year 6 individuals

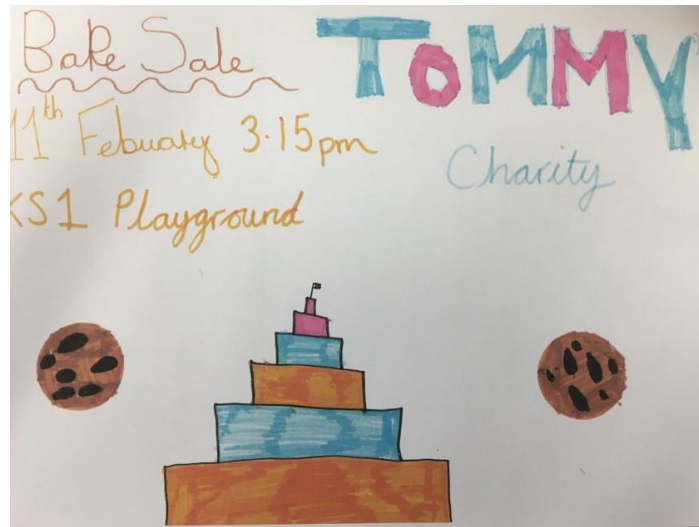
**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – Non-Pupil Day.

## Charity Bake Sale!

The fabulous Mrs and Miss Tapp are running a half marathon in March in aid of Tommy's charity. Tommy's fund research into miscarriage, stillbirth and premature birth, while supporting parents. Next Monday 11th February, the charity team are getting their bake on, selling delicious treats at the end of the school day. All donations will be going to Tommy's charity. Please come along and support this worthy cause at 3.15 pm in the KS1 playground by the pirate ship. Thank you!

The Charity Champions!



### School Timings – a polite reminder

A reminder of the start times for children at Montpelier. Being on time is vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class. Children arriving in their classroom after the close of registration (after 8:50am for Foundation and KS1, and 8:45am for KS2) will be marked as late.

After 30 minutes children will be marked as 'late after registration' – this is an unauthorised absence on your child's records.

Children are welcome to come onto the school playgrounds from 8.30am onwards, doors will open at 8:35 for KS2 and 8:40am for Foundation and KS1.

Foundation	KS1	KS2
8:40 – 8:50am Doors open & registration	8:40 – 8:50am Doors open & registration	8:35 – 8:45am Doors open & registration
10:30 – 10:45 am Break	10:30 – 10:45 am Break	10:30 – 10:45 am Break
12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch	12:10 – 1:10pm Lunch	12:15 – 1:15pm Lunch
3:10pm Finish	3:10pm Finish	3:15pm Finish

### Illness

The school should be notified on the first day of absence, for whatever reason, for a child's absence. All absences must be accounted for by letter, telephone or in person. Please expect a call/text from one of our Administrators if we do not receive a call explaining the absence first thing on that first day. There is a dedicated absence answer-phone so messages can be left 24 hours a day.

If your child has had diarrhoea or has been vomiting, please keep him/her at home until symptom-free for 48 hours.

If your child is experiencing itchy, watery eyes (often symptoms of conjunctivitis), please keep your child home until the condition has improved (no pus or crusting) and treatment has begun.

If your child exhibits an unexplained skin rash, again please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treated. E.g. impetigo - lesions must be crusted or healed, no wetness or pus. For chickenpox – all blisters must be crusted; period of exclusion from school is a minimum of 5 days from the onset of the rash.

### Dentist & Doctor's Appointments

Can we ask parents that, except in an emergency, all doctor and dentist appointments are made outside of school hours. In the event that this is not possible, then children should be collected from school as near to the appointment time as possible and then returned back to school straight afterwards. If the medical appointment is during the school day, evidence must be provided. A whole days absence is not deemed necessary for a medical appointment that occurs in the morning – the child would be expected to return to school in the afternoon, and vice versa.

### Staff Car Park

May we remind parents that the car park in North Down Road is for **STAFF ONLY**. As such the gate will be locked at 8:30am each morning. We would also like to remind parents that they should **keep to the pedestrian areas** around the carpark and not walk across the carpark itself.

### *Premier League Challenge Cup*

A huge well done to the boys football teams that took part in the Premier League Challenge Cup at Manadon on Monday afternoon. Both teams played fantastic football and it was a privilege to take them all. Congratulations to the Dark Greens who qualified for the next round and the greys who played superbly! Mr Carhart and Mr Robinson



### *Bike Day*

As a start to our healthy living year we will be holding a Dr Bike Day on Wednesday 13th February. This will be the first event of many over the next few months and we look forward to kicking starting it off with a bang. Children can bring in their bike or scooter with a helmet to ride around our fantastic obstacle course! Please leave your bikes and scooters under the designated area signs which will be in the Pirate playground.

### *Foundation Coffee morning*

Foundation Coffee morning every Tuesday in the Cafe at 8.40-9.30. This happens every week for Foundation Parents

**BOOK  
OF  
THE  
WEEK**



Year two have been testing lots of books for The Red House Book Awards. This was one of our favourites...

Reds love being red. Yellows love being yellow. And Blues love being blue. The problem is that they just don't like each other. But one day, along comes a different colour who likes Reds, Yellows and Blues, and suddenly everything starts to change. Maybe being different doesn't mean you can't be friends.

If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. [daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net)



## Rowing

Last week 4 girls and 4 boys from year 5 & 6 took part in the annual Rowing event held at Plymstock. With over 320 students taking part and for some the first time they have ever rowed. All children putting in superb performance for the 2 minutes they had. The team finished in 9th position overall with Louis T in year 6 rowing an incredible 455 meters the 2<sup>nd</sup> best boy in our category. Well done team!!

On Monday, the year 5&6 Athletics team competed in the level 2 event at Marjons after winning the first round earlier in the year. Off to a good start was the girls on the track, putting in fantastic performances while the boys was giving their all on the field events. Incredible score from the girls with 196 points, the most scored from a team. Knowing that the results were going to be close we were crossing our fingers hoping that Montpelier were going to be announced within the top 4. The team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position overall with 360 points, excellent effort team you have now reach the Devon finals on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations, I am very proud of you all

## *Our Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics competed on Wednesday at the Life Centre.*

Not only were there relay races that they had to run in but also field events to earn their team valuable points. First up on the track was the girls in their 1+1 relay whilst the boys went to the Speed Bounce and Standing long jump. After the girls had ran their 4 lap parlauf, it was time for them all to swap over and the boys to take to the track. There were so many close finishes and some incredible jump and throw scores; it was sure going to be a close result! With another quick swap, the girls back on the track, winning an incredible 4 out of 5 races, giving them a massive 150 points. The boys giving their all in the throwing events. Montpelier finished in 2nd position overall with 256 points, congratulations team.

## Basketball

Congratulations to the Basketball team who competed yesterday at Plympton. What an incredible performance everyone put in, winning 6 out of 7 matches. They now have the fantastic opportunity to play before the Raiders match, on March 3rd. Well done team!!!!

***For the next 2 weeks Athletics will only be for those children who have qualified for the Devon Games - Sorry for any inconvenience caused. Can all kit be returned ASAP***



## New Menu trial – w/c Monday 11th February – Friday 15th February 2019

Our school has been chosen by Catered to trial a new menu taken from the proposed new Summer 2019 menu. The trial will be next week and the following menu will replace week 2 of the current menu for 1 week only. Any feedback will be most welcome.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	Chicken tikka with rice and naan bread	Beef burger wholemeal bun, seasoned wedges served with ketchup	Sausage and bean pinwheel with mash	Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy	Fish fingers, chips or pasta
<b>Option 2</b>	Macaroni cheese	Cowboy hotpot with Quorn sausages	Vegetable fingers with dipping sauce, savoury rice	Lentil loaf	Cheese and onion quiche
<b>Vegetable</b>	Peas	Sweetcorn and beans	Roasted Mediterranean vegetables and side salad	Broccoli and carrots	Peas and beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Yummy ice lollies	Fresh fruit salad with honey bubble yoghurt	Apple flapjack	Fruit and jelly	Pineapple upside down cake

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**AGES 5-15 YEARS**

We offer your children the most action packed, fun and inspiring programmes possible to keep them fit, healthy and away from screens. We do this by providing them with exciting days of multi sports and outdoor, adventurous activities, plus amazing weekly themed arts and crafts during their school holidays.

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**Additional Activities Programme**

Day	Activity	Ages	Cost
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reptile Zoo	All Ages	£6.00
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Star Wars Jedi Training (inc. Nerf Wars)	All Ages	£7.00
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Archery	All Ages	£6.00
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wild Cooking	All Ages	£6.00
	Shelter Building & Mountain Medicine	All Ages	Free
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Olympic Celebration Day	All Ages	Free

**Weekly Themed Arts & Crafts; Ancient Greeks**  
**LIMITED PLACES ON SOME ACTIVITIES, PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

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## Premier League Future Stars Holiday Camp Exclusive Invitation and Discount

**Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Timings: 10.00am-3.00pm**

**Venue: Manadon Sports and Community Hub**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

After our successful first trial back in October, Argyle Community Trust is pleased to announce the **RETURN** of the Premier League Future Stars Holiday Camp this February half term.

This exciting and well established programme has brought a new lease of life to Primary PE and we want to expand the programme even further by running our second holiday camp at our new complex, the Manadon Sports and Community Hub on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

The four core Premier League Values  
BE FAIR, BE CONNECTED, BE AMBITIOUS AND BE INSPIRING has been a revelation in schools and we want to bring these elements to our Premier League Future Stars holiday camps.

We would like to provide Premier League Primary Stars partnered schools a special invite to attend our PREMIER LEAGUE FUTURE STARS holiday camp for just **£5!**

All you have to do is...

- Email [nathan.guppy@pafc.co.uk](mailto:nathan.guppy@pafc.co.uk) to confirm your child's attendance prior to attending the course.
- Bring this letter along on the day with the completed consent form (on back of letter) **or** email Nathan Guppy with the consent form attached.
  - Bring £5 cash on the day.

We really hope you will continue to join us on our Premier League Future Stars adventure with Argyle Community Trust.

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**CONSENT FORM FOR PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST**

Please complete and return the form below, which relates to the forthcoming programme for which you have received details. The form gives your consent for your child to take part in this programme & all medical fields for our staff.

<b>School Attending:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>NAME OF PLAYER:</b>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b>		<b>POSTCODE:</b>
<b>HOME/EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER:</b>		<b>EMAIL:</b>
<b>MOBILE:</b>		<b>PRIMARY LANGUAGE:</b>
<b>NATIONALITY:</b>		
<b>SPECIAL DETAILS</b> Any relevant information concerning your child's health requiring special attention but which does not prevent him or her taking part should be noted below. For example does your child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have any allergies?</li><li>• Take medication and if so what is the dosage required?</li><li>• Have diabetes, asthma or epilepsy?</li></ul>		
<b>Does your son/daughter have any disabilities that the Community Trust should be made aware of? If so please specify</b>		
<b>Is your son/daughter taking any medication that the Community Trust should be made aware of? If so please specify</b>		
<b>Doctors Name and Address:</b>		
<b>PLEASE READ AND TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES:</b> I give permission for my child to be: Collected <input type="checkbox"/> Walk home on their own <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE FOR MY CHILD (UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE COURSE  <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE THAT A PLYMOUTH ARGYLE COACH MAY TREAT ANY INJURY WHICH MY CHILD MAY SUSTAIN WHILST ON THE COURSE  <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE TO MY CHILD HAVING HIS/HER PHOTO BEING TAKEN OR VIDEO RECORDED FOR OUR WEBSITE/PROGRAMME/LOCAL NEWSPAPER  <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE TO RELEVANT INFORMATION SUCH AS SOCCER SCHOOLS BEING SENT TO BY PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST  <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE TO ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST SHARING THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WHERE RELEVANT		
<b>SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN.....DATE.....</b>		
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