

The Beacon

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The Beacon at a Glance

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Deputy Headteacher's News

The time before Easter gives opportunity to settle, focus, push forward and apply what we know. As a school we are constantly reflecting on our practise: reading, researching, trialling and adapting to first and foremost ensure that your children receive quality first teaching and learning.

The relationship between home and school is a crucial one, built on trust and respect, with an appreciation of what it takes to raise and educate children. I have no doubt you, our parent group, will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. I would like to ask that as parents and carers that you take a moment, to reinforce with your children, the importance of school and education. Placing emphasis on never giving up and having aspiration to succeed and strive to always try their best. In school we will do everything we can to help your child achieve their potential, but please remember that we operate an open door policy-we are here to help.

Can I also ask that you explain to your children that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds. It was pleasing to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform, in the correct colours, wearing a tie in key stage two and in suitable footwear - remember trainers (even if they are black) are not part of our uniform.

I am very much looking forward to the new term. I have high hopes for the children at Montpelier and I have no doubt that you will be hearing all about the fantastic learning opportunities they will be experiencing over the coming weeks.

Foundation News

The children have really enjoyed activities related to the story of 'Zog' and have been busy in the role-play area 'Zog's Castle'. Next week we will visit the forest area again to collect resources for our work on 'Stick Man'. Parent consultations will take place on Tues 6th and Thurs 8th Feb - we will inform you when you can log onto eSchools and book an appointment.

Lost Property

Once again, please check the lost property areas if your children have any missing items of uniform. Unclaimed items will need to be disposed of next week.

Too many times I see children and parents looking for uniform which has not been labelled. They are virtually all unable to recognise what belongs to them as all uniform looks the same. Please consider labelling all clothing either with a **permanent** marker, or by using iron-on labels to make the job simple. There is a link under the Parent Support Advisor on our website, MPS gains commission for every set ordered.

Labelling will no doubt save you money in the long term and help your child to become independent and able to take responsibility for their belongings - Mrs Gilbert (PSA)

Key Diary Dates

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb Inc. – Half term

Fri 16th March – **Non-pupil day**

Fri 30th Mar – 16th Apr Inc. – Easter holidays

Mon 7th May – Bank holiday

Mon 28th May – Bank holiday

Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term

Fri 20th July – End of term - 2:30pm finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

Year 1 News

This week, Year 1 were introduced to 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' We have focused on tigers; researching all about them, writing sentences to describe one of the characters in the story. In Maths, we had a problem where the till was broken so we all had to work out how much was in the baskets altogether.

Year 2 News

This week, the children got stuck into a variety of exiting challenges including creating some awesome dinosaur artwork, spotting super patterns in maths and sorting many materials in science! We look forward to delving deeper into our 'Dinosaur Discovery' topic next week. Have a great weekend!

Year 3 News

What a fantastic week we have had in year 3! The children have written incredible adventure dairy entries in English and in maths we have been calculating the perimeter of different 2D shapes. We have also learnt about the UK in our Plymouth to Plymouth topic. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers we have had for Mount Edgcumbe next week. Remember to wrap up warm and wear sensible footwear. Have a great weekend!

Year 4 News

Another extremely busy week in Year 4 this week. We have introduced our new text in English - 'Escape from Pompeii', looked at the perimeter and area of different shapes in Maths and have been identifying homophones in SPaG. We have received some amazing topic homework so far and are looking forward to the children presenting it to us on the week beginning 22nd January. Have a great weekend!

Year 5 News

This week Year 5 have learnt about shape in Maths and how to write a persuasive letter in English. Throughout the week the children have also enjoyed becoming more immersed in Shackleton's story of great endurance and we were particularly impressed by their crew member homework.

Year 6 News

This week, 6M have been visited by The Red Cross, who gave the children First Aid training. Over the coming weeks, the other Year 6 classes will benefit from this. Ask your child what they have learnt. It may become very useful in the future as they may be able to administer life-saving treatment!

Music News

Year 2 and 3 Choir starts again on Tuesday. Miss JR is appealing for any parent/grandparent/carer volunteers to help with the choir which meets from 3.10pm-3.50pm on a Tuesday. If you are interested in helping out, please contact her: jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net

Thank you to all the parents who have paid for their child's instrumental lessons so far this term. Please clear any outstanding balances ASAP.



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C O A C H I N G

STARTING FEBRUARY 2018

PLYMOUTH CIVIL SERVICE & ROBOROUGH CC

DERRIFORD LEISURE CENTRE, PLYMOUTH, PL6 8DH

10:00am - 11:30am Sundays (4th Feb- 25th March)

For Children in Yrs 5,6 & 7

For further details and to register contact

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