

The Beacon

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Deputy Headteacher's News

Parent-Teacher Consultations - At the midway point of the academic year I wish to make you aware of the upcoming parent-teacher consultations on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 28th March and 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.

Foundation News

This week we have started to learn the songs for our 'Stick Man' performance. A letter has been sent home asking for items of clothing to be sent in and also requests for tickets. Next week the children will be busy making props and additional items for costumes and practising their songs and dances!

Year 1 News

What a busy week we have had in Year 1! In English, we have written about the little hedgehog Herbie who has gone on a big adventure. In Maths, we have been using stopwatches to time how long an activity takes to be completed.

Year 2 News

Year 2 have had a great time learning about money in maths this week. It would be great if you could support your child in recognising different coins and making different amounts whilst you are out and about this weekend! We can't wait for World Book Day and Bedtime Stories next week as we have a very exciting day planned! Have a great weekend.

Year 3 News

What a busy and amazing first week back we have had. The children have been set a challenge to write their own guide to the South West of England. During Maths we have been investigating fractions and looking at equivalent fractions. In our topic lessons we were investigating the physical and human features of France and creating our own scrap book page on Paris. Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend. The Year 3 team

Year 4 News

Hope you all had a lovely half-term break! Last night's Italian disco proved a huge success with most of the children from across the year group attending. It was great to see them all dressed up and dancing with their friends. We are now looking forward to next week where we have our Roman Workshop on Wednesday and World Book Day on Thursday. To ensure that our Roman Workshop takes place, contributions are still required, you can make payments via School Money. Have a good weekend!

Year 6 Cake Sale

The children from year 6 baked and sold cakes in aid of Macmillan and raised a fantastic £198.36. Well done Girls.

Free Mother's Day message

Book online by visiting: www.plymouthherald.co.uk/bookonline
Prior to Monday 5th March

Key Diary Dates

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 – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays
Trutex Schoolwear (Billacombe Rd) pop-up shop at Montpelier - first Thursday of every month 2:45pm - 4:30pm.
The Schoolwear Shop (Mayflower St) pop-up shop at Montpelier - third Thursday of every month 2:45pm - 4:30pm.

Year 5 News

What a fantastic start to the term! Year 5 enjoyed a Wow Starter day on Monday with a mysterious sighting of the mythical beast - the dragon which proved an interesting writing stimulus! In Maths, the children explored finding equivalent fractions by building fraction walls.

Year 6

In Maths, we have been learning how to present data in different ways. After conducting a survey, we presented the data we had collected in a frequency table and pie chart.

Inspirational Athlete

Hopefully, your child has received a 'sponsorship form' to try and raise as much money as possible ready for our GB International Athlete Robert Mitchell. Robert, a high jumper will be visiting our school on Monday 5th March to work with all children during a fitness circuit. 60% of the money raised will go towards sport equipment for the school, 40% to support athletes with training, competitions etc. Please can all forms and money be returned by Thursday 1st March.

Playbox Pandas Baby and Toddler Group

Music and movement session's every Wednesday 9.15 to 10.15 and 10.30 to 11:30am at Pennycross Methodist Church Hall, Pridham Lane, Peverell, PL2 3PH. Playbox Prime and Pre-school waiting lists are now open for September 2018 intake. Don't wait for an open day to look around. Call anytime to view. Tel: Sheila on 709286 or sheila@playboxpreschool.co.uk or look us up at www.playboxpreschool.co.uk

The Hope Programme

Are you the parent/carer of a child with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and/or Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

If so, you may be interested in a free 6 week course starting on Monday 26th February 2018 from 10am-12.30pm at The Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre.

For more information or to book, please contact Kim Hopkins on 01392 267828 or email kim.hopkins1@nhs.net

Book of the Week

