

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello from Mr West

As we approach the end of the academic year it is a time when you begin to reflect on the year that has just been – and I have to say I do so with a smile. As the Year 6 children prepare for the next step in their education, we wish them well. We are proud of each and every one of them. They have faced and overcome many challenges during their time here, as well as provide us with one or two challenges of their own.

As well as saying goodbye, it is also a time to welcome new arrivals. This week our new Foundation children joined us - it was a pleasure to meet the children and their families as they embark on their own journeys at our school.

Before signing off, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone. My thanks must go to the children because they are delightful and are the reason I come into work every day. They have worked incredibly hard, learnt an awful lot (I hope), had lots of fun and tried their very best which is all we can ask. The staff team here are brilliant (once again). They have worked tirelessly this year to make the children's experience the best that it could possibly be. And, finally, thanks to all the parents – your support is truly appreciated. I am certainly looking forward to the next academic year, but that won't stop me enjoying the summer break. I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and I will see in September to do it all over again – eight days to go!

School Gates

From Monday 15th July all gates will remain closed until 8:15 – Mr Morgan will proceed to open them from this time. The only access into the school grounds prior to 8:15am will be through the secure intercom entrance on the main gate.

At the end of the day the gates will be opened from 15:00. Following the collection of the children we will ask that parents and carers vacate the grounds at their earliest convenience as our intention is to begin closure of the site from 15:30. The only exception here is the main gate will remain open until any after school activity is finished.

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tuesday 23rd July – Yr6 Celebration Disco, 5:30-6pm for photos, followed by dancing and fun until 7:30pm.

Wed 24th July – Yr6 leaver's assembly 9:15am

Wed 24th July - 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

Thurs 25th July 2019 - Non-Pupil Day

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Tues 3rd Sept – First day of term

Thurs 17th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for Foundation & KS1

Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct – Half term

Mon 28th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for KS2

Fri 29th Nov – Non-Pupil Day

Fri 20th Dec – Fri 3rd Jan 2020 Inc. – Christmas Holidays

Mon 6th Jan – Non-Pupil Day

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb Inc. - Half term

Mon 30th March – Mon 13th April Inc. – Easter holidays

Tues 14th April – Non-Pupil Day

Fri 8th May – Bank Holiday – ***please note the change of date***

Mon 11th May – Yr6 SATs

Sun 17th May – Yr 6 Bude

Mon 25th – Fri 29th May - Half term

Fri 26th June – Non-Pupil Day

Wed 22nd July – end of term

Thurs 23rd July – First day of summer holidays

Final Flourish for the Y6 Boys' Football Team

On Friday 5th July at GOALS, the boys played their final match for Montpelier against old foes Bickleigh, to finish off the Plymouth Schools' League with a strong 3rd place finish.

On a baking-hot afternoon, more akin to Brazil's Copacabana Beach, the boys' slick passing took its toll on the plucky opponents, resulting in an 8-2 scoreline. A tight first couple of quarters had the result in doubt, but Bickleigh eventually wilted and the final difference between the 2 teams could have been bigger.

Well played to Sam P, Harley G, Tom H, Carter K, Finley S, Harrison K and Charlie K. In addition, other regular squad members included Elliot H, Alex D, Josh G, Corey B amongst others

Music News

What an incredible concert the Plymouth International Chorus was! Miss JR was so thrilled with the focus, commitment and sheer love of singing that shone through by the 54 Thursday Choir Singers that took part. They really were superstars! Hope you got to see us on Spotlight too!

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument next year (Year 2-6 from September) look out for the sign up letter which will be emailed next week. Children currently learning will need to re-apply if they wish to continue lessons.

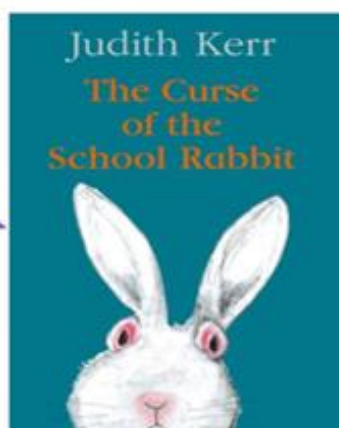


Bude May 2020

There are 10 spaces currently left for Bude, May 2020. These surplus places will be returned to the centre, by the end of term, for them to reallocate to another school, so that we do not incur any fees.

To secure a place - a non-refundable £60 deposit can be paid by logging into SchoolMoney in the usual way.

**BOOK
OF
THE
WEEK**



The final work from the irreplaceable Judith Kerr, *The Curse of the School Rabbit* is suffused with her distinctive good nature and sly mischief. The tale of a naughty bunny and its exasperated young handler pops with Kerr's singular artwork and stands as a shining testament to her unique storytelling skills.

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



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Registration opens at 9.40am

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years

Courses run from 10am to 3pm with the exception of Mini Pilgrims 10am to 12pm

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Emotional Health and Wellbeing Drop In

For children aged 5 to 18 and
their families

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome.

When? Tuesday 6th August 1-3
 Friday 23rd August 10-12

Where? Upstairs in The Pig,
 Armada Way, PL1 1HX





Community CAMHS Waiting List **Summer Drop In**

Venue: Meeting Room 1, Local Care Centre, Mount Gould Hospital.

Time/Date: 4pm-5pm on 30th July, 6th August, 13th August, 20th August & 27th August

What?: We know that the summer holidays can be a challenge. If you/your child is on a Community CAMHS Waiting List come along and meet with our Community CAMHS staff to ask any questions you may have while you wait for an appointment, or if you feel like you just need a chat.

NB: Unfortunately we are unable to extend this offer to patients on a waiting list for CAMHS at Revive (Mount Gould Hospital), this is only for patients awaiting initial assessment, short term intervention or CWP with the Community CAMHS Team (Plym Bridge House).



Family Fun Day!

Plymouth CAMHS would like to invite you and your family to come along and enjoy some time together with us at:

Hamoaze House Devonport
On
Saturday 27th July 2019
From 10 am

We have loads of **activities** for all to join in with, **information** stands from **community support** services and even have some very tasty snacks!

We are looking forward to spending time with you all – see you there!



Summer Play

**Thursdays: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd
August 2019**

10am - 12 noon

This event is especially for children under 8,
but everyone is welcome.

All activities are free with a small charge for refreshments.

Hope Baptist Church
Peverell Park Road
PL3 4QG

Tel. 01752 708090

Email: children&families@hopebaptist.co.uk

There will be games, toys and loads of great activities!