The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

Dear Parents,

Well, nothing ever goes quite to plan and then today's turn of events proves no exception. While the amount of snow we had was not a great deal locally, the ice it left behind put our site out of bounds this morning. None of the entrances into the school were safe, the car park was out of bounds and the playground was an ice rink. I was also aware of the conditions on the surrounding pavements and roads. While a thaw later in the day may have happened, in my experience 'wait and see' start times only add to confusion. Thank you for your understanding and the positive feedback we have received with regards to the decision and to the way we have kept everyone informed. I hope you have all been able to stay safe and warm today.

For those of you who have children in Year 3, 4 and 5 you might have some excited actors, singers and dancers in your house. The Book of the Jungle auditions are taking place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All those children who have handed a slip in have been given their instructions. It will be a lot of fun. I have been so impressed with those children telling us that this is out of their comfort zone but they want to give it a go anyway. So inspiring!

Don't forget that next Tuesday we have our Parent Information Evening on our Golden Learning Behaviours. This meeting will be led by Mr Thomson and the Learning Army. Please contact the office if you would like to come along at 6.30pm and find out how you can better understand how we promote learning in school.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Hunter

Chinese New Year lunch - Special menu on Tuesday 5th February 2019

Option 1 - Sweet & Sour Chicken
Option 2 - Vegetable Stir fry
Egg fried rice and vegetable spring rolls.
Jackets and wraps will still be available.

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 12th Feb - Parents' evening (including Foundation stage)

Wed 13th Feb - Parents' evening (including Foundation stage)

Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

Thurs 28th Feb - PTFA Quiz Night

Wed 13th March – Foundation & Year 6 Vista Class Photos

1st April to 5th April - The Big Pedal

Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.

Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.

Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 begins.

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

Wed 12th June – Tempest Class photos (all year groups) & Year 6 individuals

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

Thurs 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Buy your own Boys' Montpelier Football kit?

Recently, the school received a brand new Nike Football kit for the Boys' Year 5 and 6 team, kindly sponsored by ACS- Avery Carpentry Services.

Mr Robinson is wondering whether children might like to buy their own school kit, which matches the team kit exactly? This would mean that they would keep this kit when they leave at the end of Year 6 as a lasting momento to their time at Montpelier and if selected for the team, they could wear it in school matches.

The Nike shirt will have all the school and sponsor logos, as well as the surname of the child and the number of their choice (not 1-14 as these already exist). The shorts, again Nike, will have the school logo and their number. The socks will be standard issue Nike.

The cost for the complete kit and all the printing would be around £36.00, with a little top up for p&p. If parents/ boys' from years 4, 5 and 6 like the idea, could they email Mr Robinson at class4p@mpsplymouth.net to express their interest. No money is expected yet.

If a child/ parent doesn't wish to purchase a kit and is selected for the team, they can use one of the existing kits and obviously return it after playing.

The girls' kit is due for replacement in a year's time so if interest is high, we hope to offer the same idea then.





Year 4

Year 4's Dental discoveries continue! Today we welcomed Heather and Lorraine from SpaDental to teach all about teeth and how to keep them healthy. We used mirrors to have a look around our mouths and then had a go at brushing our teeth using timers and disclosing tablets to help us. See if your children can remember the slogan we learnt. What a fantastic morning we've had! Miss McDiarmid









Year 1 - Tiger Who Came to Tea

Wow what a fantastic afternoon Year 1 have had! Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for our 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' party, it was a super turnout. The children loved sharing their writing as well as eating their yummy Tiger cakes!





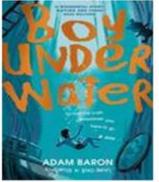












Boy Underwater is a heartbreaking story about family, friends and secrets. And it's very, very funny. Cymbeline (yes. really!) has never been swimming - not ever, not once - so he's a bit nervous at the prospect of his first school swimming lesson ever. But how hard could it be? He's Googled front crawl and he's found his dad's old pair of trunks. He's totally ready for this. But he's not ready for an accident at the pool to reveal a family mystery that turns his life ompletely upside down. Only Cym and his friends can solve it because, as usual, the grown-ups en't telling them anything. For the answers you really need, sometimes you have to go deep. Thanks to Miss Harris and 6M for recommending this week's book.

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

Ivybridge Community College Year 6 Transition Days in July 2019

- Year 6 Parents' Evening Thursday, 4 July (6.00pm)
- · Year 6 Transition Day Tuesday, 9 July (8.50am 3.00pm)

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 6.45 PM START

AT

WOLSELEY TRUST BUSINESS PARK COMMUNITY HALL PL2 3BY £4 PER PERSON- UP TO 6 PER TEAM. RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE

£200 BRITTANY FERRIES VOUCHER

£100 MICHAEL SPIERS VOUCHER

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE GREENBANK HOTEL - FALMOUTH

TICKETS FOR PLYMOUTH ALBION

AFTERNOON TEA AT DARTMOOR TWO BRIDGES

AND LOTS MORE

RAISING MONEY FOR LEON AND JACK CHILDS WHO ATTEND MONTPELIER SCHOOL. THEY HAVE DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY: A LIFE LIMITING PROGRESSIVE AND RELENTLESS MUSCLE WASTING CONDITION WITH NO CURE.

Please contact carla watts- 208728 to book tickets. Or email: carla.nicole.watts@gmail.com