

The Beacon

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Deputy Headteacher's Comment

Calling all KS1 parents. I have recently been approached by Mrs Myriam Marquis-Lefebvre (a parent of a child in year 1) who has expressed a wish to be given the opportunity to run an afterschool club dedicated to the children learning French. This would be a paid service and would run from an allocated classroom space one evening a week after school.

For further consideration to be given to this I need to know if there would be interest in children attending. If this is something that would be of interest could you please inform us by calling the school before the end of Friday 27th April.

Foundation News

The children have made a fantastic start to our new term and have settled back into the routine. Our timetable has been adapted to start to prepare the children for Year 1 and they have responded positively and with enthusiasm to this. We are very excited about our trip on Tuesday and have been learning about trains, making tickets and writing a sentence about what we might see using our new trigraph 'igh'. Please be aware of the new letter that has the most recent information necessary for Tuesday - we cannot wait!

Year 1 News

Wow! What a fun filled first week back in Year 1. The children thoroughly enjoyed our superhero day on Wednesday - making superhero masks and taking on special challenges! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break.

Year 2 News

Wow! What a great beginning to the Summer Term! This week, we had a peculiar poem delivery in English and enjoyed planting our grass seeds ready to make grass heads in science. We also got creative when making a giant under-water painting as part of our new topic 'Surf's Up! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 3 News

The children have had a very busy and great week back from Easter holidays. It has been lovely to hear about all the fascinating things that the children have done and many thanks for all of the pictures that have been sent in. We have introduced our new topic of the term, the children will be become time travellers and travel back to World War 2 and look at how our local environment has changed over time. Many thanks for your ongoing support, the Year 3 team.

Year 4 News

What a fantastic first week back Year 4 have had! We have tried to enjoy the nice weather whilst it lasts so we have been taking some of our learning outside this week! Performance poetry in the sunshine was extremely pleasant and the children all enjoyed practicing using different tones, volume and intonation. 4S have started their block of swimming lessons and are all making great progress. Have a wonderful weekend!

London Marathon

Miss JR is running the London Marathon on Sunday! She is number 10308 and wearing a turquoise running vest. If you would like to sponsor her in aid of the Wave Project which helps young people's wellbeing and mental health, you can send a donation into school next week or visit

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jessicarowe1>

All Miss JR's clubs start again from Monday.

Usborne Book Order

Any books ordered from the Usborne catalogue and Book Fair should be with you before Monday 7th May. Sorry for the delay! These orders had to be added to the school order to ensure we earned the maximum amount of commission. Although a lovely job, it has taken a long time to choose and order so many wonderful, new books. We had over £2,000 to spend. Thank you so much for your support. Mrs Jones

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Tues 24th April – Foundation trip - Rare Breed Farm/Steam Train

Mon 7th May – Bank holiday

Mon 28th May – Bank holiday

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

Thurs 14th June - Proms in the Playground 6-7pm

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

Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.

Wed 5th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.

Thurs 6th Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.

Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.

Thurs 20th Dec – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.

Fri 21st Dec 2018 to Fri 4th Jan 2019 – Christmas Holiday 2018.

Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Tues 8th Jan – Spring Term 2019 Begins.

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

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

Thursday 25th July – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 5 News

The children have had a successful week settling back in, enjoying a 'Wow Day' to launch our summer topic, 'Greek Lightning'. In English, we have become sports reporters, learning what makes a great article in readiness for writing their own report. For guided reading, we would like to start running a book exchange. Could each child please bring in a favourite book to share with their friends in the class- please make sure it isn't a very special or expensive book as it may be read by quite a few children!

Year 6 News

In Year 6, we are always looking for ways to motivate children to write. As you know, we are using the film Alice in Wonderland as inspiration. The children are showing that they understand the character's thoughts and feelings to write a persuasive letter. In reading, we are going to use the film 'The Boy in a Dress' to show comprehension skills. This film is PG. If this concerns you, please contact us.

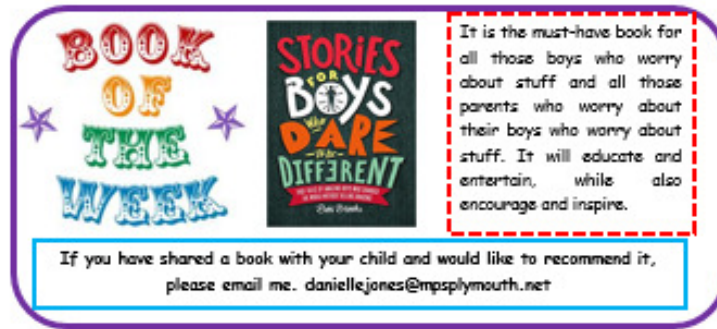
Staff Car Park

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.

Big Pedal

It is that time of year again to make our mark on environment and get fit as we will be holding our annual Big Pedal competition next week. Children and parents are encouraged to travel to school by bike and scooter and the class with the most journeys will win a class treat. Our school is incredibly large with a lot of students so please can I ask that everything (bike, scooter, helmet etc.) is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. On Friday 27th April, will be the hugely anticipated Big Pedal Big Breakfast, children are invited in for a free breakfast of fruit and pancakes from 8am to 8:30am. On this day, there will be an obstacle course for all the children to complete on their bikes, scooters throughout the day. Many Thanks Mr Carhart.

Book of the Week



Sun-hats and Sun-creams

With the warmer weather comes the need for sun-hats and sun-creams. Please ensure your child has sun-lotion applied of a morning, and brings a hat into school, on the appropriate days.



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