

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

This week has seen our Foundation children wow us with their fabulous performance of The Gruffalo. The children and the staff have worked so hard on this and have thoroughly enjoyed delving deeper into the story. Well done to all of you! As well as having a Gruffalo, fox, snake and owl etc. in school, we are making good progress towards our chicken project. Zak Morgan, our super site manager, is on the case preparing the chicken run and our new hen house has arrived. We are expecting our chickens after Easter and we will then provide the training for all the families who have volunteered to help look after them. Our tortoise should be arriving just after Easter too. Finally, you may have seen in the news this week that schools school dogs are being recognised in helping with supporting mental health. We are already ahead of the game! In June I am attending a course run by a charity who are experienced in supporting schools who wish to have a dog so that I can give this serious consideration and see if this is something that we can manage. So along with the guinea pigs and the stick insects there are lots of opportunities for all our children to interact with animals. We know that the more life experiences our children have the stronger their learning.

You may have also seen in the news recently the pressure that remains on school budgets, with some schools having to close their doors early on a Friday as they are unable to afford the staffing and other schools requesting that pupils come to school with their own equipment. While at Montpelier we are trying to manage with tighter budgets, as a school we are not in a position that we need to do that. However, we are always having to review what we do and make tough decisions about where to spend the money we do have, just as we do as families at home. That is why our PTFA are so important – the money that we raise as a school family together through their events really does make a difference. Thank you! Have a great weekend, Mrs Hunter ☺



The Year One class libraries were looking a little sad. To cheer them up, we've given them lots of lovely new books!

We hope you enjoy sharing these stories at home.

If you'd like to recommend any of them, please email me. daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

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.

Thurs 2nd May – PTFA Quiz Night

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

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

Wed 12th June – Tempest Class photos & Year 6 individuals

Mon 1st July – KS1 (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) Sports Day starts at 10am

Tues 2nd July – 9:30am Years 3 and 4 / 1:15pm Years 5 and 6

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

Thurs 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Tues 3rd Sept – First day of term

After school Sport Clubs

Only Tag Rugby will happen next week, all other clubs with Mrs Pearce have now finished, they will re-start after Easter.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Thanks to Mr Watts for recommending another brilliant book...With the air at school currently alive with Jungle Book excitement, this book is the perfect read for those who want to find out more about the animals whom Mowgli meets in his forest home. The author has taken many of the characters from Rudyard Kipling's original classic tale and created back stories for them.

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

Football News

A great game had by all. Both teams played brilliantly and congratulations to the Montpelier Greens who made it through to the next round.



'Doggy Tales' @ Plymouth Central Library

For children aged 4+

Join in with some 'Doggy Tales' and activities with Stacey Prosser, Dogs Trust Education & Community Officer.

Thursday 18th April - 3pm

Other activities will include:

A mini Be Dog Smart workshop – where we learn all about how to keep safe with dogs.

The opportunity to enter our FREE Easter competition – prizes include Dogs Trust t-shirts!

Booking is essential. To book your child(ren) a place, please contact Central Library on (01752) 305901 or Stacey on 07436162109 or Stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk



AFC DEVONPORT



U8S (School Year 3)



Where? Stoke Damerel CC Astro (Hall also booked as provision)

When? Every Friday, beginning Friday 22nd March 2019

Time? 17:00 till 18:00

Who? Contact Macauley Rickard on 07905 139193 (or, afcdevonport@outlook.com)

For? Male and Females of whom are in school years 3.

Price? First 2 sessions FREE, £2.50 thereafter.

Fun and enjoyable football environment with coaches DBS checked and obtaining the relevant qualifications.



AFC DEVONPORT



U8 GIRLS (School Year 2+3)



Where? Stoke Damerel Community College (Astro)

When? Every Friday, beginning Friday 8th March 2019

Time? 17:00 till 18:00

Who? Contact Macauley Rickard on 07905 139193 (or, afcdevonport@outlook.com)

For? Females of whom are in school years 2 + 3.

Price? First 2 sessions FREE, £2.50 thereafter.

Fun and enjoyable football environment with coaches DBS checked and obtaining the relevant qualifications.



AFC DEVONPORT LITTLE KICKERS

Football coaching for children aged between 3 and 8, non-competitive with a fun environment.

When? EVERY WEDNESDAY 17:00 – 18:00

Where? STOKE DAMEREL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SPORT CENTRE, INDOOR HALL, ENTER THE PREMISES VIA BACK GATE ON PENLEE WAY)

Price? FIRST SESSION FREE, £2.50 EACH SESSION AFTER

For? CHILDREN AGED 3 – 8 YEARS / BOYS AND GIRLS

Contact? CLUB CHAIRMAN – DARREN LYON 07792 061779
OR
CLUB SECRETARY – MACAULEY RICKARD 07905 139193





ARGYLE TRUST
COMMUNITY

SHORT BREAKS

Football and activities for children
with autism or ADHD aged 7-14 years old.

Every school half term and summer
Monday and Tuesday
10am - 1pm
£5 per session

Home Park, Plymouth, PL2 3DQ
www.bookwhen.com/shortbreaks
01752 300 700

in partnership with



Argyle Community Trust

PAN Disability Road Show (Thursday April 11th & 18th 10am – 3pm) – Fun filled activity days taking place at Home Park which includes various football and sports activities for young people aged 5 -15 with a disability. (£10 if booked online)

Short Breaks (April 8th, 9th, 15th & 16th 10am – 1pm) – Football and activity club for young people with either autism or ADHD. (£5 per day)

All activities are delivered by fully qualified coaches who have vast experience of delivering sport and physical activity sessions to young people with a disability. Young people who take part will also be made aware of the range of opportunities that Argyle Community Trust provides including our weekly Ability Counts football sessions in which young people with a disability get the opportunity to represent Plymouth Argyle in matches and tournaments.