

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

At the start of this school year I knew that I joining a special school family and these past eleven months have proved this to be the case. I have a staff who love to try new things, who are inquisitive about their own learning, who put the children first and who look out for each other – there is never a day when I don't hear laughter in the school. They are just incredible and a joy to lead. I have parents who care about their children and their learning, who have grabbed the new opportunities to be involved in school life and who are happy to share their ideas and suggestions with us. I have governors who are well-informed, committed to school improvement and are able to offer support and challenge to keep us moving. And I have simply the best children a Headteacher could wish for. They are energetic, fun-loving, eager to learn, thoughtful and creative. They inspire me every day, make me smile every day and surprise me every day.

This year has been one of transition and change, as the Montpelier baton passed from one Headteacher to another. This can often be a tricky time but not for our school family; we continue to go from strength to strength. We are not afraid to make mistakes – we get out of our comfort zones and try new things. We are happy to lead the way with new initiatives and to blaze a trail where others haven't been. And we have a zest for life fuelled by positivity and comradery. More change ahead? Always. Adventures awaiting in the new year? Definitely. Ready for the ride? Bring it on!

We wish all our leavers well, whether pupils, staff or parents. You remain Montpelier family for ever and we will always be here should you need us. For those of us remaining, have an amazing summer and I look forward to seeing you in September. Mrs Hunter ☺

School Race for life Event

Thankyou to all our MPS families who took part and donated so generously. We have raised an amazing total of £877.70 so far... and still collecting. Don t forget to pass any more sponsorship money in as soon as possible please.

Jane Gilbert, Parent Support Advisor

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

Gotta get up to get down

The final Girls' Football Event took place at Manadon on Monday 8th July, where 2 teams (One Y5, one Y6) were in the finals of the Argyle Community Cup.

Starting with the Y6s, the girls hammered their first opponents Laira Green 6-0, and then continued with a comfortable 3-1 triumph over Hooe. An entertaining, 'ding-dong' encounter against Shakespeare (3-3) meant a top of the group finish.

In the other group, the Y5s were up against 2 experienced teams but battled gallantly nevertheless with 2 close defeats against Woodford and Bickleigh- good results considering that for most of the team, it was their first competitive football event.

Semi-finals time, and the Y6s were up against Bickleigh and despite dominating possession and chances, a solitary opposition strike meant MPS came up just short.

Well played to all the girls: Y6- Jess R, Madisson A, Jazmine W, Amelie U, Olivia A, Holly B and Kayleigh T

Y5- Bella H, Jaycee Y, Lola M, Breeanna G, Olive M, Miley P and Edith P

Instrument Amnesty

Please return any musical instruments belonging to school on Monday, please. Steel pans, guitars, brass, keyboards, clarinets- there could be lots of things lurking behind doors, in cupboards or under beds. Miss JR would be very happy to have anything returned.

Learn an instrument in September

Information on how to sign up for instrumental lessons for Sept was emailed to parents. It's also available from

http://www.montpelierprimary.co.uk/website/instrumental_lessons_sign_up/417873 Please note that children wishing to continue need to sign up again to renew lessons. The deadline to make contact with the relevant tutor or Miss JR is Mon 22/7.

Plymouth Phoenix Girls Football Club Under 9s (Current Year 3)

If you are a girl and are interested in playing football outside of school, then why not contact this girls football club who are looking for new talent of any age, but especially for their new under 9s team (current Y3 = Y4 in September).

Check out their website www.plymouthphoenixgirlsfc.co.uk/ or contact coach Ian Nicholls on 07880346380 for more details...

Could you be the next Steph Houghton, Lucy Bronze or Ellen White and lead England to future World Cup glory?

Lost Property

Lost property has once again been mounting up, the bins are over-flowing. Please come into the main entrance hall after school where these will be situated for your perusal. At the end of term all items will be donated to a charity shop, ready to start a fresh in September. Any named items will be returned to their rightful owner. Please remember to label ALL items, thank you.

Final Beacon of the School Year

This will be the last Beacon of the school year. All staff wish you a very happy and safe summer. We look forward to welcoming our new Foundation children and their parents in September, and wish our Year 6 children a happy and successful transition to secondary school. See you on the 3rd September.





Plymouth Phoenix Girls Mini Kickers Football Club

Girls' Football coaching sessions for KS1
School years 1 & 2

'Improve Skills & Get Fit'

'Be Part of a Team'

'Have Fun'

Members of 'Children's University' to get book
stamps done for school awards

Coaching sessions take place on Thursday evenings on the
astro pitch at Brickfields 6pm to 7pm

We also have football sessions for older age groups

www.plymouthphoenixgirlsfc.co.uk

For more info, call Ian on 07880 346 380

Players of all standards are welcome

ALL STARS CRICKET

HAVE-A-GO

MANADON SPORTS
PARK
PLYMOUTH, PL3 5PX
7TH AUGUST
1700-1900

All Stars Cricket gives girls and boys from the ages of 4 - 8 an opportunity to become a star. All Stars Cricket 'Have a Go' sessions are suitable for all skill levels and will provide your child with a fantastic, fun and safe first experience of cricket.

This FREE softball cricket session is open to all young kids and if they are NEW to All Stars Cricket they will receive a free bat and a ball!

REGISTER @
[HTTPS://ECB.CLUBSPARK.UK/HAVEAGO](https://ecb.clubspark.uk/haveago)
OR
CONTACT
JONNY.VARCOE@DEVONCRICKET.CO.UK
FOR MORE INFO



FEAST OF FUN!

Join us as part of Plymouth's
Feast of Fun 2019



FREE HEARTY BREAKFAST

Every Thursday in

August, 8:30-11:30am

at

ST PANCRAS CHURCH CENTRE

Honicknowle Lane

Pennycross, PL5 3QT



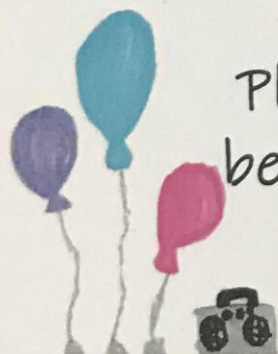
Fun activities

For all the Family,


including bouncy castle, crafts, table
football and air hockey, toys for toddlers,
board games and more.

Please note: all children under 16 must
be accompanied by an adult at all times

The fun continues at Congreve Gardens,
every Friday in August from 10am-1pm



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