

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello From Mrs Hunter

Last night I was quite overwhelmed by the number of parents who came along for our information evening to meet the new Headteacher and to hear about plans for the school. The KS1 hall was packed! Thank you to the PFTA who sorted coffees and also to Ellen, our amazing Cook, who shared samples of the great baking that takes place in the kitchen each day. There was lots of laughing, honesty and positivity. Parents were invited to share things that they would like us to stop, start and continue and I made it clear that working collaboratively with parents is something that I value and will continue throughout my time here. One thing that I did not share is my intention to be at Montpelier for at least seven years so that I can see our foundation children who have just joined us through to Year 6. Having said that, I currently have no plans to be leaving after that either! I absolutely love it here and at this time I have no plans to be going anywhere else.

Next week we have our first Parents Evening of the year. We are looking forward to seeing you all then. We have been reviewing the format of the meeting to make sure that we can make the most of those ten minutes. Our governors will also be on hand to answer any questions and will be asking you to complete a short ten question multiple choice survey for us to help us capture parents' opinions of the school.

In other news I have enjoyed teaching the Year 5 and Year 6 classes drama this week. We were using masks from the Trestle theatre company to explore matching facial expressions with body language. I was so impressed with their creativity and confidence in using these new props.

Have an amazing weekend and stay safe and warm with our ever changing weather!



School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Wed 17th Oct - Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9—11am (possibly shorter)
Thurs 18th Oct – Tempest Individual & family group photos Foundation – Year 2, from 8am KS1 Hall.
Mon 29th Oct - Tempest Individual & family group photos Years 3 - 6, from 8am KS1 Hall.
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.
Thurs 1st Nov 9am – 10am Parent Forum with Parents – details to follow
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 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 6—Secondary School Deadline

Reminder—parents are asked to submit their secondary school preference forms by the deadline of 31 October 2018 please. Wherever possible, parents are encouraged to apply online, it is quick and easy - all parents need is an email address. If you are confused or concerned just get in touch with Plymouth City Council Admission Team who will do all they can to help.

Year 5 News

Year 5 had another amazing trip this week onboard the Golden Hind in Brixham harbour. The children were fully engaged and complimented for their behaviour and questioning. Well done Year 5!



Music News

Thursday Choir for Y4/5/6 is cancelled next week as Miss JR is on a training course. All other clubs run as normal. Clubs will continue straight after the half term.

Harvest Festival—Food Bank Visit

The School Captains performed their first duty today. They represented Montpelier by taking the Harvest Festival donations to the food bank. The food was weighed in at an incredible half a tonne!



Personal Challenge:

Week 5

***How many time can you
jump and touch the floor in
30 seconds?***

SCHOOL GAMES

Personal challenge

Week 5

Foundation News

Thank you very much to all parents who attended the Phonics workshop this week. We hope you found it informative and useful. Next week we are welcoming two new pupils to our Foundation unit- they are very small and furry!! The adults are very excited and we know the children will be!

Tempest Photos

Thurs 18th Oct – Tempest Individual & family group photos Foundation – Year 2, from 8am KS1 Hall.

Mon 29th Oct - Tempest Individual & family group photos Years 3 - 6, from 8am KS1 Hall.

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 18th October to take photographs of all children in Foundation & KS1 and again on Monday 29th October to take individual photographs of all children in KS2.

For family/group photographs please come into school as near to 8am on either day – KS1 Hall.

Birthday Mufti—can we ask that children either wear their mufti on the following day, rather than on the day of their photo being taken—or bring their mufti (or their uniform) in in a carrier bag to change into to wear.

Foundation Workshop



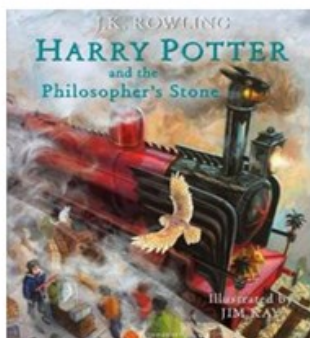
Thank you so much to all of the Foundation mums, dads, grandparents and carers, who were able to join us on Wednesday, for our fun phonics and reading workshop. We hope you found it useful.

I'd love to hear any feedback or suggestions for further workshops.

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Book of the Week

BOOK OF THE WEEK



I love Jim Kay's illustrated, hardback versions of the fabulous Harry Potter stories. They make the stories more accessible to younger fans. A joy to curl up under a duvet and share together, especially on rainy days like today!

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

STORM RUNNING CHARITY FUN DAY

SATURDAY
13TH OCTOBER

BACON
SANDWICHES

11AM-3PM

HOT DOGS

BOUNCY
CASTLE

ST GABRIELS
CHURCH HALL
PEVERELL

FACE
PAINTING

FUN
RUN/WALK/WADDLE/
SCOOT £5 ENTRY WITH
FINISHING MEDAL
1PM

RAFFLE

CRAFT
STALLS

ALL
WELCOME

TEA &
COFFEE

CAKES

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL
BE GOING TO THE EATING
DISORDER SERVICE PLYMTH