

The Beacon

Academic Year 2021/22

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

Happy New Year! I hope that you were able to make the most of the festive break and that you got the right mix of sparkle and peace and quiet that you were after. I also hope that you and your families and friends are staying safe and well. I know that we are not in the place this January that we had wanted to be with the pandemic, but what a difference the vaccine has made, allowing us to remain hopeful. May your hopes and plans for 2022 be realised.

While we still have our hopes and plans for school, we are battling with the impact of C19 positive results on our staff. We have increasing numbers of staff who are needing to isolate. The availability of supply teachers in Plymouth is limited and our support staff are doing an incredible job covering absent teachers. As it stands, we have 21 classrooms running the usual programme of teaching and learning each and every day. Our teams are managing as best they can on a day to day basis but we are so grateful of your support and understanding when we need to make changes to timetables and planned events at the last minute. We will contact year groups directly if we need to make more drastic changes in our provision for a year group, such as having to go 'off-timetable' with them. Please be reassured that sending a year group home would only be considered in severe staff shortages where there was no other option and we are unable to keep children safe. These are challenging times in terms of school logistics but we know that staying together as a school family is the best thing, even if we get to the point that what we are offering in school is a different to a normal school. Hopefully we won't get to that point!

On a personal note, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the kindness and support I have received from you in these past couple of months.

Mrs Hunter ☺

Sport News

Athletics (Monday) and Netball (Tuesday) club after school continues next week for those children that attended before the Xmas holidays.

Dance Club will start on Wednesday, a text has gone home to those parents whose children were successful in gaining a place. Unfortunately if you didn't receive a text your child's name will be on the waiting list.

School Term Dates for 2021/2022

Tues 15th Feb - Parent's evening

Thurs 17th Feb - Parent's evening

Mon 21st - Fri 25th Feb - half term

Mon 11th - Fri 22nd Apr Inc. - Easter holidays

Mon 2nd May - Bank holiday

Mon 30th May - Mon 6th June Inc. - Half term

Thurs 2nd June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

Fri 3rd June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

Fri 1st July - Non-pupil day

25th & 26th July - non-pupil days

27th July - start of the summer holidays



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