

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

Hello and welcome to the eve of another Bank Holiday weekend. This term always surprises me with the speed that it passes and we are nearly half way through already. This week in school saw Year 4 dressing as famous Victorians (I had several Queen Victoria's and Sherlock Holmes pass me in the corridor!), Year 1 were investigating Superheroes and Villains and Foundation were learning about jungle animals and Africa. It was lovely to have families coming in to be trained as Chicken Champions – we have one more training session on Wednesday 22nd May at 9.00am. We also had ten teams at our quiz last night; watch out for the next date in the autumn term.

We are really seeing the benefit of our school pets with the children. It gives them opportunities and experiences which they might not have at home, as well as teaching them valuable life skills, both practical and emotional. For some time now I have been looking at the research around school dogs. I know that the previous Headteacher, Mr Holland, would bring his support dog in and the children have often asked if that is something that we could do again. After half term I am going on a training course run by the charity Dogs Helping Kids which will go through what it means to have a school dog, what needs to be considered for the dog and the school family and the practical aspects that should be thought of. They would then work with us for three years to support us in training our school dog, should we decide that this is something that we could manage. Following the training I will run a question session for parents on Tuesday 11th June at 3.30pm. From there we will make the decision as to whether or not we go forward with this. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback in the meantime that you would like me to take to the training then please email me via the school office.

In the meantime, enjoy the weekend and see you on Tuesday.

Mrs Hunter ☺

Year 5 Open Morning – Hele's School

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June 2019 9:15 – 10:30am

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – half term

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

Thurs 13th June – Tempest class photos **Year 4 only**

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

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

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

Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct – Half term

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

Mon 4th May – Bank Holiday

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

Elmer's birthday - Friday the 17th of May - please note change of date!

The date is changing for Elmer's birthday from Friday the 24th May to **Friday the 17th May**. It will be a mufti day and also potentially a staff bake off, selling cakes at the end of the day to raise money for St Luke's Hospice. (More info to follow.)

YMCA Inclusive Session Info

Fun Days

Our inclusive activity days provide fun for the whole family. Sessions include lots of sports and games for those with an additional needs, including; trampolining, climbing laser shooting, table tennis, badminton, bouncy castle and more!

Fun Bounce

This session is for children and young people with mobility related disabilities and other additional needs. Supported by a qualified instructor, these sessions aim to be fun while also helping improve strength and mobility.

YMCA Specials

This multi-sport club helps build confidence and ability in a fun and friendly environment. Through *Special Olympics*, opportunities for competition are also available for those with intellectu-

Special Olympics

Open to people with an Intellectual (Learning) Disability aged 16 +. Sports at this club include; Boccia, Badminton, Short Mat Bowls, Football, Tag Rugby, Kwik Cricket, Judo, Basketball, and much more!

Trampolining

A more advanced and structured version of our *Fun Bounce* sessions. This session is for young people who want to progress and develop their trampolining ability.

Indoor Climbing

Our indoor climbing sessions aim to make the fun and benefits of climbing available to people with a wide range of ability. We use specialist equipment and qualified instructors to deliver these fun and engaging sessions.



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If you have any questions or want to book a session, talk to one of our team!

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Inclusive Activities

@ YMCA PLYMOUTH | **£3 per session**

YMCA Plymouth's inclusive activity sessions provide a safe and friendly environment for people with additional needs to take part and enjoy a range of sports and activities. Our sessions cater to people with physical impairments and intellectual disabilities helping them improve health, skills and confidence! All sessions are delivered by experienced staff and use specialist equipment.



Multi-Activity Fun Days

When: First Sunday of the Month
11am - 12.30pm
Ages: All Ages



Fun Bounce

When: Thursday
4.30pm - 5.30pm
Ages: 5-18



Indoor Climbing

When: Tuesday
4.45pm - 5.45pm
Ages: 8-18



YMCA Specials

When: Wednesday
4.45pm - 5.45pm
Ages: 5-16s



Special Olympics

When: Wednesday
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Ages: 16+



Trampolining

When: Thursday
5.30pm - 6.30pm
Ages: 8 - 18



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