

The Beacon

Academic Year 2019/20

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Hello from Mr West

Happy New Year to you all. It was lovely to welcome all the children back with their exciting news about family members they had either visited or had visit, and all the wonderful presents that Father Christmas had brought them. They have all returned in good spirits and, having had a well-earned rest, seem eager to start learning.

The time before Easter gives opportunity to settle, focus, push forward and apply what we know. As a school, we are constantly reflecting on our practise to ensure that your children receive quality first teaching and learning.

The relationship between home and school is a crucial one, built on trust and respect, with an appreciation of what it takes to raise and educate children. I have no doubt you, our parent group; will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

It was pleasing to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform, in the correct colours, wearing a tie in key stage two and in suitable footwear - remember trainers (even if they are black) are not part of our uniform.

I am very much looking forward to the new term. There is a sense of excitement and anticipation in the air and I have no doubt that you will be hearing all about the fantastic learning opportunities your children will be experiencing over the coming weeks.

Meerkats – Family Separation Support.

Jane Gilbert PSA, Nicole Biddulph Learning Mentor and Margaret Wadge TA will be running a support group for children who have experienced separation within their family.

The aim of the group is to give the children an opportunity to talk about their feelings, understand their emotions and develop coping strategies.

The program will run for 6 weeks and each session will have a play-based activity, allowing children to have fun in a relaxed safe environment.

If you feel your child may benefit from this group, or you would like further information please contact Jane on 216160, email janegilbert@mpsplymouth.net by Monday 13th January 2020.

Aladdin

The Aladdin rehearsals started on Tuesday. The children are doing well and are very excited to dress up in their costumes. The prop team would kindly like to ask for any cheap costume jewellery donations and colourful chiffon/voile scarves please. Many thanks in advance.

Mrs Lucas and Mrs Wadge (Team Props)

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Wed 22nd Jan – School Panto - Aladdin

Thurs 23rd Jan - School Panto - Aladdin

Fri 24th Jan - School Panto - Aladdin

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

Mon 11th May - Yr6 SATs

Sun 17th – 22nd 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

Agonising Penalty Drama for 5/6 Boys

On Thursday, Montpelier visited Newton Ferrers Primary (on the way to Kingsbridge) in the next round of the Boys' Knockout Cup. With an older and bigger home team to play against, our greens battled valiantly against all the odds (including wintry weather and a heavy pitch). A stout defensive display left the match evenly poised at half-time: 0-0. As the second half began, our heroes began to hit their opponents on the break and with great skill, strength and determination, Oscar R drilled the ball home with a solo effort. Quickly, Newton Ferrers responded and MPS' resilient defence was finally breached: final score 1-1. Extra time was tight and cagey, so penalties would decide the winners. Unfortunately, our lads' luck finally ran out as NF won 2-1 on spot kicks.

Both Mr Robinson and Mr Carhart were thrilled with such a good display of teamwork, perseverance and focus.

Well played Josh G, Blake Z, Fletcher C, Ewan L, Jayden J, Oscar Ro, Frankie P and Sam M. Thanks also to those parents who made the long trek into the sticks to support the team

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club operates Mondays to Fridays from 7.45am in the school canteen. For security reasons the ONLY way in and out of the school is through the main entrance. The desk is manned from 7.40am for access in and out of the building. Children must be brought into the inner reception area before walking up to the canteen. We are able to offer a selection of cereals, toast & drink up to 8.15am, food will not be served after this time. Children need their breakfast first before ICT/playing etc. The cost per child per session is £2.50 payable in advance via www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Netball

Congratulations to the Netball team that competed at SDCC on Wednesday. You all showed fantastic sportsmanship and worked hard to score goals against very tough opponents. Hopefully you are all prepared for the level 2 event next week, due to this being the last Netball competition, training after school has come to an end to allow another club to start.

Hockey has changed from a Wednesday to a Tuesday starting next week, for those children that currently attend the club you don't need another permission slip.

Please have a look at Sport Clubs that are available for this term. They will start next week, any questions please email me on lindapearce@mpsplymouth.net

Sport Clubs with Mrs Pearce (January – March)

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast 8am – 8.30am	<u>Basketball</u> Playground Year 5 & 6 (date to be confirmed)			
Lunch Time 12.15 – 12.45	<u>Running Club</u> Central Park Year 5 & 6 (limited spaces available)	<u>Keep Active</u> KS2 Hall Year 3,4,5&6	<u>Skipping Club</u> KS2 Hall KS1 Children (no permission required)	<u>Indoor Athletics</u> KS2 Hall Year 2, 3 & 4 (no permission required)
After School 3.15 – 4.10	<u>Indoor Athletics</u> KS2 Hall Year 5 & 6 (limited spaces available)	<u>Hockey</u> Playground Year 5 & 6	<u>Dance</u> KS2 Hall Year 3,4,5&6	<u>Cross Country</u> Central Park Year 3,4,5 & 6 (full)

Music News

Thursday Choir is up and running again. Please note there will be no Thursday Choir on Thursday 23rd January due to the Aladdin show.

Year 2 and 3 choir starts on Tuesday 14th January.

Steel Pan restarts on Monday 20th January.

Please pay for instrumental lessons as soon as possible. Thank you



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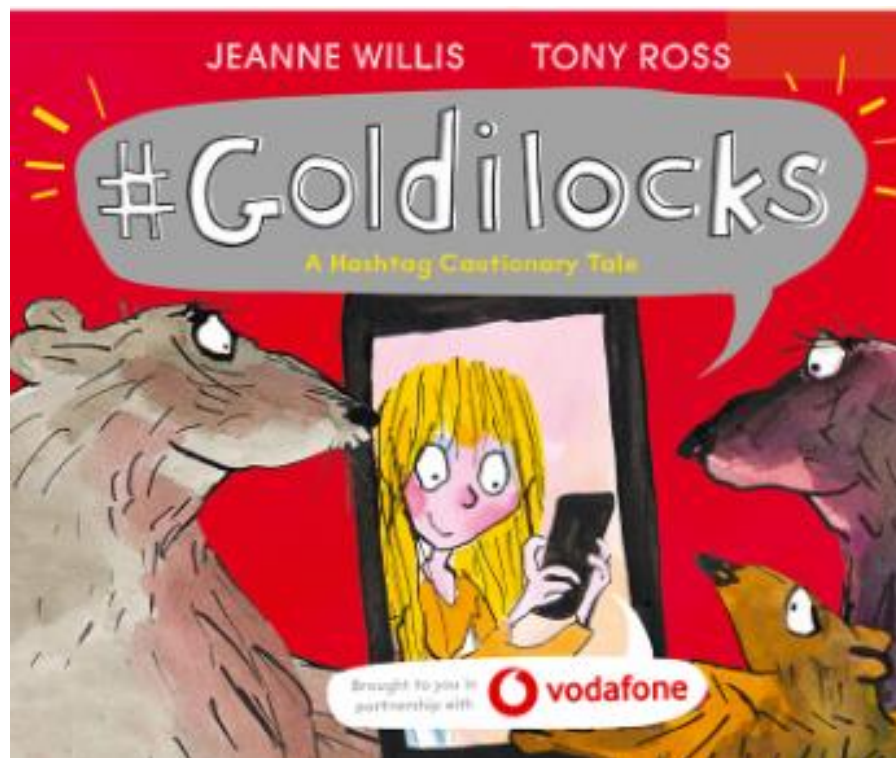
Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 22nd February 2020

Terms and conditions apply – see website.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a great holiday time and here is to an e-safe 2020!



I'm sure that lots of our school family will have seen a fairy tale inspired pantomime during the festive break and in this message I wanted to share a real fairy tale book, based on 'Goldilocks' aimed at younger primary pupils to raise awareness of online risk. This Online safety easy reader is great for reading and sharing with children in EYFS and KS1.

This version of 'Goldilocks' is written by the well-known author Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Tony Ross. It is a modern twist on the classic story and offers a fun and accessible way for you to discuss all things social media related with your younger children. The book can either be downloaded, to be read together on a device, or printed off. There is also a puzzle page to accompany the story.

Goldilocks can be found here <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>

Have fun sharing,

Monty

French Club

Please note - French Club will resume next week on Friday 17th January 2020.

FOREST FORCE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CAN YOU HELP?



On the **Saturday 11th January**, we need a team of volunteers to help finish the improvements to our outdoor learning area- **'The Forest'**.

With new equipment from a popcorn maker to whittling knives, we are desperate to get the children back out there and benefiting from outdoor learning.

We are looking for volunteers to join our 'Forest Force' team to help with various jobs including: spreading slate and wood chippings, building flat pack storage, pegging logs in place and other general maintenance jobs.

10:00-15:00

- Toilets available
- Refreshments provided
- Some tools provided (please bring your own gardening gloves, spade or secateurs if you have them).
- Meet by the gate on Parker Road.

Warm clothing and suitable footwear would be advisable.

Any amount of experience or time you can volunteer will be perfect, we just need many hands to make light work!

There will be **popcorn, s'mores and hot-drinks** to keep you warm and happy as you work!

We look forward to seeing you there! Any help would make a real difference and be very gratefully received.

Please note that due to the nature of the work, unfortunately children will not be able to attend on this occasion. We hope to have future events when the area is back up and running for families to attend so watch this space!

If you wish to sign up or have any further questions please contact reception or Miss Nicholls
(class2m@mpsplymouth.net)

PAVING SLABS NEEDED!

We need paving slabs to place our log store and outdoor storage box onto.
If you can help please let reception know!



Parent Cafe

Hosted by Jane Gilbert (Parent Support Advisor)

Pop in to meet other parents in your school community...

When:

Monday – Thursday 8:30-9:30am

Tuesday-Thursday 3:15-4:00pm

Where:

School Café

Who:

All welcome!

An opportunity to socialise,
get information and find out
about different support
networks in your community.



Get in Touch

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