

# The Beacon

**Academic Year 2018/19**

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## *Hello from Mr West*

This week has been incredible. There are so many reasons I can attribute to this but the one that stands out is the generosity that was displayed on Thursday. The day saw the inaugural Toy and Gift Giveaway at Montpelier. The premise behind this was to bring a smile to the faces of children throughout our city who are less fortunate than ourselves. That feeling that we can, when we come together, make a significant difference was certainly felt throughout the day with our hope being that we are instilling the moral purpose of supporting others in times of need.

This event did also spark the beginning of our Christmas celebrations as we reached the mid-way point of the term. Christmas is a magical time and I look forward to seeing you at one of our many celebrations throughout the next four weeks. I am sure some of you will be contemplating when is the right time to put your tree up at home – in my house the opinion is it is never too early – our tree has been up since the 10<sup>th</sup> November! Have a fabulous weekend; I look forward to seeing you all for the last week of November.



## *School Term Dates for 2018/2019*

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – 6pm** Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30-10.30am** – Yr 1 Production Lights, Camel, Action!

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm** – Yr 1 Production Lights, Camel, Action!

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Christmas Holiday 2018.

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Spring Term 2019 Begins.

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Parent Forum at 2.15 for an hour.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

**1st April to 5th April** - The Big Pedal

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holiday 2019.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer Term 2019 begins.

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday.

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – Non-Pupil Day.

## *Hello from Wendy – Chair of Governors*

Did you know there are over 250,000 governors/trustees in the UK and it is one of the largest volunteer groups of people? So what do we do? Well, we have kicked off this academic year with vigour and enthusiasm, we have held 2 meetings so far with another 7 planned throughout next year, attended governor training sessions with our fellow governors within ISP, enjoyed being part of Parents Evenings, the Parent Information Evening, Harvest Festival and Christmas Gift assemblies, the Remembrance Service and we have been in school visiting too. We are really excited to tell you that we have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor on our Local Governing Board so look out for the letter coming home today. Finally, we are delighted with the support you have shown Mrs Hunter since September so thank you and watch this space for more updates throughout the year. Many thanks, Wendy Tout, Chair of the Board of Governors

## **Montpelier's Time Lords are looking for assistance**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November is Maths Fun Day! This year Maths Fun Day will focus on time. You are invited in at the start of the school day to take part in a maths session with your child.

At the start of the school day drop your child off as normal and then make your way to reception to sign in. You can then go to see your child in their class and take part in time activities for 30 minutes. If you have more than one child in the school, you will be able to move around the classes to see all your children.

We ask you to leave the school by 10am, when the children will continue with a range of fun maths activities throughout the day.

We look forward to seeing you in school on Maths Fun Day.



## *2 Halves Aren't Always Equal*

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the boys' football team faced off against Bickleigh Down in the Plymouth Schools' Knockout Cup, as the gloom and fog descended from the moors in the distance.

Facing the elements in the first half, on a bobbly, heavy pitch, MPS played a keenly fought contest against a robust opposition. With a congested midfield, our team held their opponents to a 0-0 half-time score, with chances in short supply. In the second half, and with the wind at their backs, Montpelier moved through the gears and applied pressure to the creaking defence of Bickleigh- we were now in the ascendancy. Shortly after the interval, the deadlock was broken after a dipping thunderbolt from Harrison slipped through the poor goalie's hands. Shortly after, and with MPS now in complete control, Josh picked up the pieces with a low drive into the empty net from a tight angle. More excellence followed from Finley, who found the corner of the net with a precise, professional finish. With our team now attacking at will, the cherry on the cake was a second low daisy-cutter from Harrison, which whistled past the keeper into the bottom corner from all of 25 yards. Final score: Bickleigh 0-4 Montpelier.

Well played to Sam, Harley, Carter (captain), Elliot, Alex, Finley, Josh and player of the match Harrison, whose one remarkable of chest control had Mr Carhart and Mr Robinson purring with excitement and admiration!





### *Year 1 and Year 5*

Year 1 really enjoyed having the Year 5 children come down to help them with their vessel designs over the last couple of weeks. Both year groups are entering a Royal Navy engineering competition to design a vessel that can rescue 1000 people from the sea. Thank you Year 5 for supporting the Year 1 children. Great teamwork!

### *Bude*

The next instalment of £50 is due by 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please contact Mrs Simpson on 216161 if you have any difficulties meeting this deadline. Thank you

### *PTFA Raffle Tickets*

The PTFA are trying to be paperlite and cut down on wastage. This means that this evening all you will receive is a sheet of paper titled 'PTFA Christmas Raffle Tickets'. The cost is 25p each or £1 per 5 squares. Please cut out your tickets & return to school, clearly marked with a name and contact no. or class, along with the correct money in a sealed envelope. Thank you



## Multi Skills

On Tuesday 7 children from year 2 took part in the Multi Skills event at Coombe Dean, the children had to compete a variety of activities, including balance, jumping, throwing and running to gain points for the team. Super effort from everyone finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> position overall. Congratulations year 2 you were amazing.

***Cross Country and Athletics Team - I am still missing kit; please return to my desk ASAP, thank you.***

## Learning Army

Yesterday, the Learning Army visited Stoke Damerel Community College and undertook some learning training. We investigated our Golden Learning Behaviours (GLBs) and trained ourselves in Growth Mindset thinking. Watch this space!





## *New for Christmas in Plymouth 2018! Penguins: A LEGO® brick trail*

Penguins: A LEGO brick trail is a brand new family fun Christmas trail-taking place across the Plymouth's city centre, from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. The life size LEGO brick penguins will be hidden in shops across the city centre, with 19 Rockhoppers and one very impressive Emperor penguin to find, each having a penguin name to collect. Follow the trail map to find all 20 life size LEGO brick penguins, and you could win fantastic prizes, including a weekend family trip to LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort\*, or a Penguin Feeding Experience at Living Coasts for four people!\*

Once you have collected all 20 names, complete the entry form in the trail booklet or submit your answers online. Entries can be posted in one of Santa's post boxes located at: Drake Circus, outside Waterstones New George Street and Plymouth Market OR send in a sealed envelope to: Penguin Trail Competition, Plymouth City Centre Company, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ. If preferred you can submit your answers online. The trail runs from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, with a closing date for entries being 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Whilst you are looking for penguins, keep an eye out for the fantastic LEGO brick Santa Express at the Old Town Street entrance to Drake Circus. Children will love it, as they can even climb on-board the Santa Express!

For more information and \*full terms and conditions, see: [visitplymouth.co.uk](http://visitplymouth.co.uk). Trail cards can also be downloaded from the website.

***Please note the trail leaflets can be downloaded from the following website: [visitplymouth.co.uk](http://visitplymouth.co.uk). But the penguins will not arrive until trail starts, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.***



*'The most enchanting pantomime of all'*

# Cinderella

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm, 8<sup>th</sup> - 2.30pm & 7.30pm / Devonport Playhouse  
Tickets: £10 / Over 65s & Disabled - £8 / Student & Under 16s - £6  
Available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/nowalls](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nowalls) Box office: 07415 725559

Written by Sam Pomeroy  
Directed by Mark Sidey  
Musical Direction by Laura Fox  
Choreography by Jessica Emmett

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A blue glass slipper is illustrated in the top right corner of the poster.

## *Gymnastics*

Congratulations to Dylan P 4S and Calvin H 5P who competed last weekend in a gymnastics competition for Swallows in Exeter. Both boys had to perform a routine for 5 apparatus, floor, pommel, rings, vault, p bars and high bars. Fantastic solid performance landing Calvin a silver medal in the U9s and Dylan 5th in the U8s. Well done boys, and good luck for the next round held in Plymouth.



## *STOP PRESS- Montpelier Magic demolish Sorry Stoke!*

On Thursday 22nd November, the Girls' Football team played their next match in the Plymouth schools Knockout cup. At a cold Stoke Damerel Primary, on a heavy pitch, our team in grey lined up against a massive home side. Luckily, skill was our forte, as we trounced the opposition 5-1! An early lead was established by Amelie with a low drive from distance, which was soon doubled by a smart finish in the box from Holly. Just before half-time, Stoke pulled one back with an unstoppable shot into the top bin, 2-1 as we changed ends.

The second half was known as 'Kayleigh's half, as she netted an enterprising hat-trick to round off the scoring. With 5 minutes left, her and Amelie were substituted to a standing ovation from the crowd, ably supported by the rest of the team who sportingly shook hands with the disappointed Stoke girls. Bring on the next round- the rest of Plymouth must be quaking in their boots!

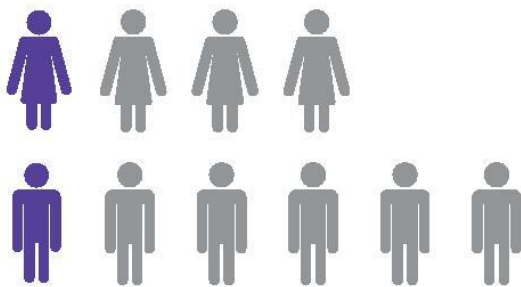
The team: Jessica, Matilda, Jazmine, Savannah, Holly, Amelie, Lauren, Breeanna and Kayleigh



# DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK

26 - 30 NOVEMBER

We provide support for men, women and children who need advice, help and protection from domestic abuse. Speak to us and find out how you can seek help, prevent or report domestic abuse.



An estimated one in four women and one in six men are victims of domestic abuse in their lifetime.

## Sundial Square

By the sundial on Armada Way

Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 November

9am - 4.30pm

Thursday 29 November

9am - 8pm

## ASDA

Leypark Drive, Estover

Friday 30 November

9am - 4.30pm

## Harbour Drug and Alcohol Services

Hyde Park House, Mutley

Monday 26 – Friday 30 November

9am - 4.30pm

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Mondays 6:30-8:30pm  
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