

The Beacon

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Deputy Headteacher's Comment

General Data Protection Regulation – Parent/Carer information

I am certain you are all aware of the new data protection regulations that come into effect from May 25th 2018 (you have probably received endless emails from companies that hold your data informing of this and asking for your consent to continue to be contacted). As a school we are not exempt to these regulations and wish to bring to your attention that as a school and academy we are actively working to ensure our compliance. Our Data Protection policy, privacy notice and consent documents are currently under consultation and review and will be shared with you in due course. However, I wish to highlight that as a school holding sensitive personal data is part of what we do every day and as a result the change to our everyday practice is not a significant one.

For your information:

We need to hold personal information about your child on our computer system and in paper records to help us with their educational needs and we are responsible for their accuracy and safe-keeping. Please help to keep your child's records up to date by informing us of any change of circumstances.

School staff have access to your child's records to enable them to do their jobs. From time to time information may be shared with others involved in your child's care, if it is necessary. Anyone with access to your child's records is properly trained in confidentiality issues and is governed by a legal duty to keep their details secure, accurate and up to date.

All information about your child is held securely and appropriate safeguards are in place to prevent accidental loss.

In some circumstances we may be required by law to release your child's details to statutory or other official bodies and to ensure your child's privacy, we will not disclose information over the telephone or email unless we are sure that we are talking to you - the parent/carers. Information will not be disclosed to family and friends unless we have prior written consent and we do not leave messages with others. As always you have a right to see your child's records if you wish.

Foundation News

We have been very excited this week in preparation for our British Values day on Friday. We have been learning about the royal family and watching videos to support our learning of addition and writing number sentences. Carrying on with our theme of royalty, we have enjoyed reading Nick Sharratt's 'Once Upon a Time' and writing our own stories.

Year 1 News

Year 1 have been busy in Maths this week working alongside a Princess who has helped them to share quantities equally into groups. In English, they have been continuing to use their super sentence ingredients to write sentences about the story 'Super Stan.'

Year 2 News

It's been another super week in Year 2! We've been learning about brilliant local artist Brian Pollard and recreating some awesome artwork in his colourful style. We ended the week with a royal party that would rival any wedding celebration! Have a great weekend!

Year 3 News

The children have had a very busy week writing their Plymouth Zoo stories this week and are really looking forward to taking them to the Peverall Library next week and leaving them for everyone to see. Thank you for your time and effort in making the wedding hats, the children looked fantastic. Many Thanks Year 3 team.

Bikes, Scooters and Mobile Phones etc

Items are left entirely at the owners risk. School cannot accept responsibility for damage, accident or loss of personal items.

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Mon 28th May – Bank holiday

Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term

Tues 5th June – Class Photos & Yr6 Individuals

Thurs 14th June – Proms in the Playground 6-7pm

Mon 18th June – Schools race for life

Fri 20th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.

Wed 5th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.

Thurs 6th Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.

Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.

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 – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 4 News

Year Four have had a very busy week! We started the week off with a running afternoon, followed by receiving a video from Mrs Twit asking for our help! Yesterday, we had a wonderful treat as we all got together to watch Montpelier's Got Talent and today we have celebrated our British Values Day and had a royal party! Thank you to all of those who have contributed towards our trip to Morwellham Quay- we have now received enough for the trip to definitely go ahead! Just a reminder about P.E kits, your children are expected to wear black shorts and a white T-shirt with trainers during their P.E lessons on a Tuesday and Friday. Have a fantastic weekend!

Year 5 News

Year 5 began the week by visiting Stoke Damerel Community College to take part in a fun-filled afternoon of activities. 5M and 5P undertook a history lesson in French, where they learned all about the Norman Conquest, while 5S and 5X got busy making bridges and watching explosions in the science labs. We ended the week by celebrating the royal wedding in style with a tea party and work on 'respect', one of our key British values. We hope you enjoy your own royal wedding celebrations this weekend too!

Year 6 News

The children have now completed their SATs. Hooray! We are incredibly proud of how well they prepared for the tests and their perseverance throughout the week. We are now thinking about next week when the children will take part in Activity Week or the residential trip to Bude. If your child is attending Bude, please arrive at the the Park and Ride, Central Park, by 2:30pm. We can't wait!

TTRockstars Battle of the Bands

All classes in Year 2 to Year 6 have the chance to be crowned champions of the 'Battle of the Bands'. All the children need to do is play on TTRockstars as much as they can between Friday 25th May until Friday 8th June. Good luck to all classes.

Book of the Week

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Another new book we purchased for Y6 with your sponsorship money.

Set in the Deep South in the 1960s, Yankee Girl is a powerful, resonant and relevant story about racism and doing the right thing.

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

Music News

We have seen some fantastic hats during for our British Value day today. Children are encouraged to keep them safe and wear them again if participating in Proms in the Playground.

'Heart-break for the Girls'.

On Thursday, the girls' football team played their Plymouth Knockout Cup semi-final at High View Primary in Efford. In front of a sizeable home crowd, the High View squad were energised into a 2-0 half-time lead. The Montpelier Girls didn't let their heads drop, and rallied to make it 2-2 with 5 minutes left, thanks to goals from captain Abbey B and sharp-shooter Amelia K. With the tie in the balance and extra-time looming, MPS applied the pressure, peppering our host's goal and dominating possession, yet failing to hit the back of the net. In agonising fashion, High View broke away to notch a third with little more than 3 minutes left. Driven on by Captain Abbey, our team knocked on the door, but ultimately failed to turn the key and force extra-time. Despite exhaustion and sadness, our team showed grace by wishing High View good luck and best wishes in the final, which will have to be truly epic though to top this titanic battle.

Well played Sofia L, Darcy C, Lily V, Abbey B, Amelie U, Kayleigh T, Amelia K and a special mention to Phoebe W, who stepped in at the last minute to make her first appearance for the team, claiming 'Player of the match' for her tough tackling and perseverance.

School Challenge

Good luck to those children running their final mile on Sunday completing their half marathon. Please remember to wear your T-Shirt and your race number, meet myself and Mr Fielding nice and early at The Dome between 7:30-7:40am.

Kit

There still seems to be a lot of outstanding kit that haven't been returned. If you have participated in any sporting events this year, please have a look at home and check that you don't have any school sports kit.

The number 14 Grey Nike kit is still missing - this is all that is stopping us from having the full set again! Please check if you have it - no tellings off from Mr Robinson. He'll just be pleased.



Missing Scooter

Ethan S (5S) has lost his black Razor Spark scooter. It's been missing, and a more well used one had been left in its place, since the Big Pedal breakfast. Ethan's had his name on it.