

The Beacon

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Headteacher's News

We're back! The children are looking great in their school uniform. A very big thank you to all those parents that ensured shoes were being worn – we only had to remind a very small number. We've been talking this week about what makes a good learner and introducing, across the school, the use of ClassDojo to reward children every time they demonstrate one of our seven learning behaviours (love a challenge, persevere, believe in yourself, teamwork focus, self-help and love learning). We'll let you know more about this over the coming weeks but your children should be able to explain everything to you. It's been a great first week with everyone demonstrating fantastic behaviour.

Lost Property



This is the vast range of unnamed lost property we have in school from last term! It will be on the stage in the KS2 hall at the end of school today (Friday) and also Monday morning until break time. After this, it will be disposed of. Please do come and claim anything which is yours.

Year 2 News

What a fantastic first week back! We thoroughly enjoyed our rainforest ranger day on Wednesday. We delved into the heart of the rainforest and tasted delicious fruits, created amazing artwork and designed and made beautiful handmade necklaces.

Year 4 News

What an amazing start to the year! All the children have settled extremely well into their new classes. Our 'Pharaoh Training Day' was the highlight of the week and we'd like to thank you for your support with the children's amazing costumes, it really enhanced the learning experience. The children have been set an Egyptian project as an extended piece of homework due in on the 21st Sept. Y4 'Meet the Teacher' will be on Mon 11th Sept @ 17:00 in Class 4M.

Year 6 News

Year 6 have settled in well to their new classes and have taken on the role of setting a good example to the rest of the school. We have started our new topic, 'Fight for Freedom'. On Wednesday, we held a topic day and the children were both intrigued and respectful about slavery. We look forward to learning more!

Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our on-site after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Flexible booking available. www.thedens.co.uk

Key Diary Dates

Friday 29 th Sept 2017	Macmillan Coffee afternoon
Monday 2 nd October 2017	Non pupil day
Mon 23 rd to 27 th Oct 2017 incl.	Half term
Thursday 23 rd November 2017	Non pupil day
20 th Dec 17 - 02 nd Jan 18 incl.	Christmas holiday
Wednesday 03 rd January 2018	Non pupil day
Friday 16 th March 2018	Non pupil day

Instrumental Lessons

Here's everything you need to know about when instrumental lessons start (see below for Choir or Steel Pan club start dates). Most instrumental lessons start next week provided you have paid for lessons by Monday 11th September at 8:00am!

- Monday morning = Violin and ukulele
- Tuesday morning = Drums
- Wednesday morning = Brass
- Friday morning = Flute

Guitar/keyboard/piano/clarinet lessons will be on Tuesdays or Wednesdays and Mrs Berna is contacting parents direct for payment, but there is a similar deadline. Full timetables to follow. Please bring instruments on the day if you have them.

Year 1 News

Year 1 have settled in well, establishing routines brilliantly. In English this week the children have been looking at 'Jack and the Beanstalk', learning the order of the story. They enjoyed a 'wow' day yesterday, receiving a huge letter from the Giant asking the children for help, and chocolatey treats! In maths, the children have been looking at numbers up to 20 and working on their number bonds to 10. There have been smiles all round. Enjoy your weekend... The Year 1 team.

Year 5 News

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year for the children of Year 5. The Year 5 team have been impressed with the great positive attitude of the children and how they enjoyed the challenge of the boat building day as part of our Seafaring Plymouth topic.

Year 3 News

Thank you for a great start to Year 3. The Stone Age Day was a great success and all the children looked fantastic! They've had a very positive first week in Key Stage 2. Well done to all of the children – many thanks from the Year 3 Team.

Music Clubs / News

Thursday Choir (Year 4 / 5 / 6) starts 21st September. Year 2 and 3 Choir starts Tuesday 26th September. Year 5 Steel Pan starts Wednesday 27th September (lunchtime club also available this year). Year 6 Steel Pan starts Monday 9th October. Letters for clubs will be given out in class music lessons next week.

Other Information

Eggbuckland CC - Open Evening on Monday 18th September for parents and children in Years 5 and 6.