

# The Beacon

Academic Year 2021/22

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## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

Hello lovely school family. Well, we have made it; half term starts this evening. I know that for some families these past weeks has held real challenge and I hope that the week ahead gives you the chance to catch your breath and re-group. However, while half term can be a much needed break, for others the week is actual a source of increased tension and can bring to the fore difficulties and struggles. It has been a privilege to support so many of you through difficult times over these past weeks and I would like to remind you that if you are not sure if we can help with something, it is always worth reaching out because the answer is usually always yes.

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, I wanted to mention the passing of Colin Powell who died in the past week. He was the first Black secretary of state for the US and also a well-respected military leader. If you are ever looking for a bit of inspiration in difficult times then just do a search for quotes from him. There are many statements he made that I return to as a school leader. However, the one that I want to share with you is this as it involves us all as adults:



*Children need to get a high-quality education, avoid violence and the criminal-justice system, and gain jobs. But they deserve more. We want them to learn not only reading and math but fairness, caring, self-respect, family commitment, and civic duty.*

May these inspiring words take us through into half term and beyond.  
See you in November for a very busy half term! Mrs Hunter ☺

## *School Term Dates for 2021/2022*

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.** – half term

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – KS2 Tempest photos – family groups from 8am in **THE MUSIC ROOM**. Queue in playground by Year 1 entrance/exit (white double fire doors), Pirate Ship playground.

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 1 Balance Ability

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Foundation Phonics and Early Reading Workshop in KS2 Hall, 2 – 3pm and 5:30 – 6:30pm

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading Workshop in KS2 Hall, 2 – 3pm and 5:30 – 6:30pm

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Toy and gift assemblies

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Mufti (Dress to impress)

**WB Mon 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch week 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> more info to follow

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Tree Festival

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 1 Nativity

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 2 sleepover

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 1 Nativity

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Foundation sing-a-long

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Carols around the tree

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Carol Service

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Wishes around the tree *more info to follow*

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas jumper day

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Wishes around the tree

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 Inc.** – Christmas holidays

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** - non-pupil day

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – half term

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

## *School Term Dates for 2021/2022 continued*

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 31 May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June Inc.** - Half term

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June** - non-pupil day

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July** - non-pupil days

**27<sup>th</sup> July** – start of the summer holidays

## *Apply for a secondary (year 6 moving to year 7) school place*

Year 6 parents - reminder - the deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching, you must apply by 31st October 2021.

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/schooladmissions/applyschoolplace/applysecondaryyear6year7schoolplace>

Parents need to apply online, it is quick and easy – all parents need is an email address.

Please remember this year is a 'bulge year' (increased Year 6 pupils) and therefore parents need to complete their forms by the closing date.

Pupils who are taking the 11-plus examination will not receive results until:

- Boys results issued on 15 October – Results will be sent out in the post on this date
- Girls results issued on 15 October – Results will be sent out by E-Mail individually

## *Forest Area Donations*

We are on the lookout for metal sieves and single oven gloves for our Forest Area to allow us to facilitate making popcorn, fires, and other activities. If you are looking to get rid of any unwanted metal sieves / single oven gloves we would really appreciate them being donated our way.

Please can they be donated in a bag marked with Forest Area/Mr Wright in 2S.

Thank you for your support,  
Mr Wright.

## *Hockey*

Congratulations to the year 6 Hockey team that played their first tournament last Friday. The team played 6 games, drew 2 lost 1 won 3, finishing in 2nd position overall. Fantastic team play and sportsmanship. Well done!

Mrs Pearce

## *Staddiscombe Cross Country*

The annual PSSP Plymouth Championships Cross Country got underway yesterday at Staddiscombe. With eight races in total the 1000 plus runners arrived ready to take on the challenging course. Montpelier was fortunate enough to enter in all 'Major' categories. First up was the year 3 and 4 girls, Congratulations to Margot who won the race overall. The year 4 boys who finished in an incredible 2nd position. Knowing how difficult and long the course looks, the year 5 and 6 girls ran with guts and determination, finishing in 1st, 4th, 11th and 12th place, unfortunately not enough to win overall but in 2nd place. Congratulations to Else G who is currently unbeaten in all her Cross Country races from year 3 to 6. The last race of the day was the 6 boys, congratulations to all of you, you were all amazing. Thank you to the parents who transported their child and for the continued support and encouragement.

Mrs Pearce

## *Fun Run*

Yesterday 15 children took part in the PSSP first ever 'fun run' event. The children had different challenges to complete whilst running around the course, and finding hidden objects. As you can see from the photo the children had a lovely morning.

Mrs Pearce

# Sport Clubs with Mrs Pearce

September – December

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Lunch Time</b> 12.15 – 12.45	<u>Indoor Athletics</u> KS2 Hall  Year 2, 3 & 4 (no permission required)	<u>Running Club</u> Central Park  Year 5 & 6 (limited spaces available)	<u>Skipping Club</u> KS2 Hall  KS1 Children (no permission required)	
<b>After School</b> 3.15 – 4.10	<u>Indoor Athletics</u> KS2 Hall  Year 5 & 6 (limited spaces available)	<u>Netball</u> Playground  Year 5 & 6		<u>Cross Country</u> Central Park  Year 3,4,5 & 6 (full)

BOOK  
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WEEK



*It's Okay to Be Different* cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding and confidence.

I love the accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colours and silly scenes.

This book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.

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



Harrison was keen to share his super spelling efforts.

He started out making a cake, before realising he had run out of eggs. Harrison took the opportunity to practise his week's spellings in the flour instead!

I love this idea – well done Harrison.



If you have practised your spellings in an interesting way and would like to share, please email me. [daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net)