

# The Beacon

**Academic Year 2018/19**

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## *Hello from Mr West*

Christmas jumpers were in abundance yesterday as the children and staff of our school enjoyed their first traditional Christmas lunch of the year. One such jumper has stuck in my mind as the slogan embroidered across the front read 'in Christmas mode'. I have said previously that Christmas arrived at my house on November 11<sup>th</sup>, but this week it well and truly arrived at Montpelier.

Monday saw the annual Carol Concert - this was certainly a spectacle to behold. For me it symbolised the meaning of Christmas, a time for families, a time for friends, a time to celebrate, share and remember the joy that this time of year can bring. The children were amazing, the confidence they display to stand up and perform always astounds me. My thanks go out to the team that made the whole event possible. I am sure, if you were in attendance, that you will have a favourite moment - I know I certainly do. Each year there is always one song, a reading, one moment that surprises me. This year it was an instrumental performance that gave me goosebumps. In front of an audience of over 200 a child entered the stage, violin in hand and performed a faultless rendition of 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' - it was brilliant. It was at this moment that you could feel that Christmas was just around the corner.

As we enter the final days of term my hope is that the children experience a time filled with laughter and happiness. They have all worked incredibly hard and thoroughly deserve the break that will be upon us next Thursday. If I don't see you I wish you a very merry Christmas and will see you all in the new year.

## *Do You Owe for Dinners or Breakfast Club?*

You may be sat there reading this thinking "Oh I only owe for one meal (£2.20), or one Breakfast Club session (£2.50)", but actually so do lots of other parents. The total amount outstanding for these two activities to date is over £1,000. Please, please, please, pay any outstanding monies asap. If you are having problems in doing so then contact us in the office on 01752 216160. To stop receiving any repeat texts requesting payments over the Christmas period, or in fact at any time, please ensure you have a zero balance, or even be in credit. We understand that this is an expensive time of year but thank you for your understanding and support as always.

## *School Term Dates for 2018/2019*

**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.

## Year 6

While half of the year group went out to rehearse for the Christmas carol concert, the rest of Year 6 honed their DT skills. We were tasked with building the tallest tower we could that could hold a basketball off the ground using only newspaper and sellotape. The tallest tower was almost 2 metres tall!





# Argyle Soccer Roadshows CHRISTMAS COURSES 2018

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NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	THEME
1	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Tues 18th Dec - 4:30pm - 7pm	£20	Christmas Cracker
2	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Thursday 27th December	£16	Festive Football
3	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park (PAN Disability)	Thursday 27th December	£16	Disability Football
4	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
5	St Joseph School, Launceston	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
6	Lux Park, Leisure Centre, Liskeard (Indoors)	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
7	Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Pool	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
8	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Thursday 3rd January	£16	Festive Football
9	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park (PAN Disability)	Thursday 3rd January	£16	Disability Football
10	Falmouth School	Thursday 3rd January	£16	Festive Football
11	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School
12	St Joseph's School, Launceston	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School
13	Lanivet, Bodmin	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School
14	Falmouth School	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School

## 50% off all courses

when booked online using  
discount code **XMAS50\***

\*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount codes or vouchers. Offer excludes Christmas Cracker

# Christmas Cracker

The course will give all young people who attend the opportunity to undertake a training session at Goals with Plymouth Argyle FC first team squad in the evening. This will be followed by a meet and greet with the team where young people can collect autographs, photos and chat to the team. Pigeon Pete and Father Christmas will also be in attendance and each person will receive a goody bag, a Christmas card and the chance to win lots of prizes.

## Festive Football

Join us for an action packed day of football activities, from shooting sessions to World Cup tournaments and each participant will receive a goody bag, which includes an Argyle medal.

## Back to School

Our 'Back to School' courses are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, technique, competitions and small sided games - just what's needed before they return to school after the festive period.

## PAN Disability

**Ages 5 - 19**

Football/Activity day. A fun-filled day packed with football games in an inclusive and comfortable environment. The day is tailored for children with a physical impairment, learning disability or mental health condition. \*Half day Disability option available. £10

**Courses in and around:**  
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**All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years**  
**New membership reward cards available**  
**Courses run from 10am to 3pm**

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### *Service Families Christmas Event*

On Wednesday we as Service Families stepped into the festive season by decorating together Christmas cakes which our pupils from 'Jam Band' had made the previous week. We had fun icing and gift-wrapping our cakes as well as enjoying some Christmas treats. We are now looking forward to tasting them! Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (Jam Band starts again on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019).



### *Girls Controversially Exit Cup on penalties.*

Call the police, as a robbery took place on Thursday at Eggbuckland Community College, where the girls football team lost their Danone Under 11 Cup match to a largely inferior Bickleigh outfit.

On the wind-swept astro, playing against some strong gusts, the girls went 1-0 down in the first half, but with the weather at their backs in the second period, they dominated possession and eventually equalised thanks to a deft flick by Holly from a pin-point corner by Kayleigh. This led to extra time, with Montpelier again dominating and Bickleigh hanging on by their fingernails. No more goals were scored, so it was to the dreaded penalties, and the real drama began...

In goal, Jessica 'The Rock' Rennie saved the first 2 pens, but it was the third kick by Bickleigh that will be talked about for years to come. Because it was windy, it rolled off the spot as the player was running up (much nearer the goal). The player shot and Jess again produced a super stop. However, the referee gave the Bickleigh player another undeserved bite of the cherry and to be fair to her, slotted it nicely into the corner. MPS' last kick was saved so the dejected, yet sporting and respectful team kept their frustrations to themselves and wished their opponents good luck in the finals, although how much more luck a team can have has scarcely been seen in any match of football played on planet Earth.

Hard lines, but well played to Jessica, Layla, Savannah, Matilda, Amelie, Lauren, Breeanna, Holly and Kayleigh.

### ***Buy your own Boys' Montpelier Football kit?***

Recently, the school received a brand new Nike Football kit for the Boys' Year 5 and 6 team, kindly sponsored by ACS- Avery Carpentry Services.

Mr Robinson is wondering whether children might like to buy their own school kit, which matches the team kit exactly? This would mean that they would keep this kit when they leave at the end of Year 6 as a lasting memento to their time at Montpelier and if selected for the team, they could wear it in school matches.

The Nike shirt will have all the school and sponsor logos, as well as the surname of the child and the number of their choice (not 1-14 as these already exist). The shorts, again Nike, will have the school logo and their number. The socks will be standard issue Nike.

The cost for the complete kit and all the printing would be around £36.00, with a little top up for p&p. If parents/ boys' from years 4, 5 and 6 like the idea, could they email Mr Robinson at [class4p@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:class4p@mpsplymouth.net) to express their interest. No money is expected yet.

If a child/ parent doesn't wish to purchase a kit and is selected for the team, they can use one of the existing kits and obviously return it after playing.

The girls' kit is due for replacement in a year's time so if interest is high, we hope to offer the same idea then.



### ***Term 3 Argyle Friday Football- after-school club***

The school has had an amazing response for the Year 3/4 Boys football club, so much so that the school has decided that for term 4, we will do another 3/4 club for the boys who didn't get into the term 3 one. Term 3 children should have been received a text on Tuesday of this week requesting payment. Text messages will go out nearer the time for Term 4, along with a request for payment on SchoolMoney. There are a couple of places still available in the term 4 one, so either see Mr Robinson for a letter or download one from the school website: PUPILS – CLUBS – FOOTBALL

### ***THE FIRESTONE FREEZER – NEW YEAR'S DAY***

The Firestone Freezer is Plymouth's first New Year's Day Swim and dip! Start 2019 by joining a community of brave souls for a brief dip in the refreshing waters of Firestone Bay, Devil's Point, in Britain's Ocean City.

This annual event will be raising money for First Light which supports thousands of people each year affected by Domestic Abuse across Devon, Cornwall and Wiltshire.

The event will kick-off at noon on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at the Stonehouse Lawn Tennis Club (PL1 3RW). After the dip, warming refreshments will be available for all participants back up the steps at the tennis club.

To sign up go to: <https://firestonefreezer.eventbrite.co.uk>

### ***Behavioural Toolkit workshop – Date: Monday 28 January***

This is an all-day sessions that runs from 9.30 - 2.30 (please bring your own lunch). The session has been devised by James Cook from the Child Development Centre with input from Plymouth Parent/Carer Voice. These are very popular sessions. Parents will leave the session with a personalised behaviour plan for the young person. The cost of this event is £5 which is refundable when you attend the session or cancel. This event is being held in the guildhall in the city centre.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-developing-your-behaviour-toolbox-280119-primary-tickets-53163459338>



# Community Weekend

## Free entry to Eden

**Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 January 2019**

**Bodmin residents (postcodes PL30, 31)  
St Austell residents (postcodes PL24, 25 & 26)  
Cornwall Council staff, Eden Project higher  
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and veterans, Youth Groups staff, leaders and  
members, Charity staff & volunteers**

The support Eden receives from our local community of friends and neighbours plays a big part in our continued success. To thank you, we invite you and your family to visit us with free admission, to enjoy winter at Eden as part of this year's Community Weekends programme.



✦ **Free entry for you and your immediate family**  
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✦ **Opportunity to purchase a Locals' Pass**

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We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the winter!.

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