

# The Beacon

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## The Beacon at a Glance

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## Headteacher's News

As you will know, the consultation regarding the proposed merger between our Multi-Academy Trust (Inspiring Schools Partnership) and the Reach South MAT, ended on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Again, thanks to the small number who turned out for the parent consultation element of this process. As promised, views were communicated to the ISP Trustees who met recently to vote whether or not to proceed with the merger. The Trustees listened to all feedback from the consultations conducted in each school and reviewed information provided as part of the due diligence process. Having considered all of this, the Trustees unanimously voted NOT to proceed with the Reach South/ISP merger. Trustees remained unconvinced about the benefits of joining the two Multi-Academy Trusts together. They were only committed to this move if there were clear benefits that all pupils and staff across the ISP schools would experience. The decision will see ISP continuing to function with its current schools whilst also maintaining collaborative working relationships with the Reach South (and other) schools: albeit from a position of separate Multi-Academy Trusts.

## Foundation News

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Sing-a-Long, the children were fantastic! This week the classrooms have been a frenzy of Christmas activities and glitter! We hope you have a super Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Year 1 News

What a spectacular week it has been in Year 1! All of the children were superstars for both of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' performances this week. Thank you for all of your support at home - The children were absolutely amazing to remember so much in such little time.

All of us in Year 1 wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Year 2 News

Wow! What a busy end to a brilliant term! This week we thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Tree festival which included making and icing gingerbread, creating naughty elves and getting crafty with tin cans!! Thank you so much for your continued support throughout the year. We'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to the new challenges that next year will bring!

## Year 3 News

Everybody in Year 3 would like to thank everybody for a great term. The children have had a great time learning about the Stone Age and the end of term homework projects that they created were amazing. Next term, we will start our new topic of Plymouth to Plymouth and we will send further details about this next week. Once again, the whole year 3 team would like to thank everybody for their ongoing support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

## Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to those that helped with the recent Christmas Fair, thank you also to those that came along to support us on the day. We raised a massive £1,500.

## Key Diary Dates

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 – Tues 02<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018 incl.** - Christmas holidays

**Wed 03<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018 – Non-pupil day**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March – Non-pupil day**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 16<sup>th</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term - 2:30pm finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of the summer holidays

## Year 4 News

Year 4 have had a very festive week taking part in many Christmas activities! Thank you to all who came into school on Wednesday and Thursday to share our Christmas Tree festival with us! We had a great time learning about Christmas in Poland. Just a reminder that on Monday we have our Christmas Party Day and any contributions of snack foods will be greatly appreciated. Our party will be after lunch. We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Year 5 News

The year 5 team wish everyone a Happy Christmas and every success in 2018. Well done to all the children for their hard work and commitment shown

## Message from Mr. Hitchcock

Thank you to all the parents who have e-mailed or spoken to me regarding my decision to leave Montpelier. I appreciate all the kind comments and it has been a pleasure to work with your children. I wish them every success in the future and of course a Happy Christmas to all.

## Year 6 News

Thank you for all your support this term! We are looking forward to the holiday. Just to remind you, on Monday we are having a party. Please ask your child what they have volunteered to bring. As a treat, on Tuesday we will be watching Elf, which is a PG. Any concerns with this, please let us know.

## Music News

What a fantastic Christmas it has been in the music department! So far there's been a theatre trip for Year 6 to see Nativity, a tremendous carol service, wonderful foundation and Year 1 performances and a stunning performance by 42 Year 6 pupils at the Lord Mayor's Carol Service for Schools. Green Squad are performing tonight with Plymouth Area Police Choir, so good luck to them.

Thank you to everyone for their support. Merry Christmas!

## TTRockstars Update

Well done to class 5S for winning the TTRockstars Battle of the Bands competition. All children in Key Stage 2 have an account to play on TTRockstars. At the moment the creators of TTRockstars are making improvements to the site and APP. Children now need to access the new website which is [trockstars.com/beta](http://trockstars.com/beta). There may also be times when you are unable to access the APP over the Christmas period whilst they make improvements.

# STAY SAFE WITH TECH THIS CHRISTMAS!

## IPADS



Be careful what you download  
Play games appropriate for your age  
Ask to set up agreed parental controls with you to help



## LAPTOPS



Make sure to take care with what information you share!  
Be careful about online games - are they appropriate?  
Make sure you know who you are talking with



## CONSOLES



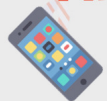
Take close care who you play with online!  
Try to play games that are suitable for your age.  
Make sure to take it in turns playing games with others

## SOCIAL MEDIA



Use social media appropriate to your age  
Use a safe profile picture  
If you are pressured into sharing something you aren't comfortable with ask an adult

## PHONES



Ask permission before taking a photo or video  
Do not show off your phone in public  
Make sure you keep enough credit to make calls

## FAKE NEWS



Don't believe everything you read online, including email  
If unsure, ask a trusted friend or adult  
Don't share stories that aren't true

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