

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello From Mr West

From the moment we returned following the summer break we, as a school staff, have discussed how we can improve the communication with the families that we serve. For those who read the Beacon last week you will be aware that this has been re-modelled. It is my wish to let you know that the intention here is to provide an update on the exciting things taking place throughout our school – a means by which we celebrate the moments that we hope the children will cherish long after their time at Montpelier.

To this end, from today, there will be a noticeable difference when sharing news from individual year groups. This will no longer be weekly and will not be information based – any information will be shared via a text or email to ensure this reaches every family. The emphasis on the Beacon entry will now be about celebration and child view. The year group teams have been briefed and are fully aware of the expectation on them. As parents the news connected to your child's year group will come in the form of a photograph followed by a brief explanation written from the children's perspective, by the children. Our hope here is to make the sharing of new a more engaging experience. Have a great weekend - enjoy it, I know I will.

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Thurs 11th Oct – Parent 'Info Evening' – details to follow

Thurs 17th Oct - Yr 1 Phonics Workshop 9–11am (possibly shorter)

Thurs 18th Oct – Tempest Individual & family group photos Foundation – Year 2, from 8am KS1 Hall.

Mon 29th Oct - Individual & family group photos Years 3 - 6, from 8am KS1 Hall.

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

Thurs 1st Nov 9am – 10am Parent Forum with Parents – details to follow

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 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

New Library Challenge for children

Over 5,300 children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year and we're keen to build on this success to keep children visiting libraries and reading for pleasure.

The 'Findalots Library Challenge' <<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries/childrenandyoungpeople/findalotslibrarychallenge>>

will launch in all Plymouth libraries during National Libraries Week (8th to 13th October). Aimed at 4 to 11-year-olds, all children who sign up will receive a special Findalots library card and an activity journal.

Each month they will be encouraged to read and take part in activities that aim to show off the full library offer. They will need to visit the library every month to collect stickers and other prizes for taking part.

Children can sign up for the challenge from Monday 8 October at any Plymouth Library.

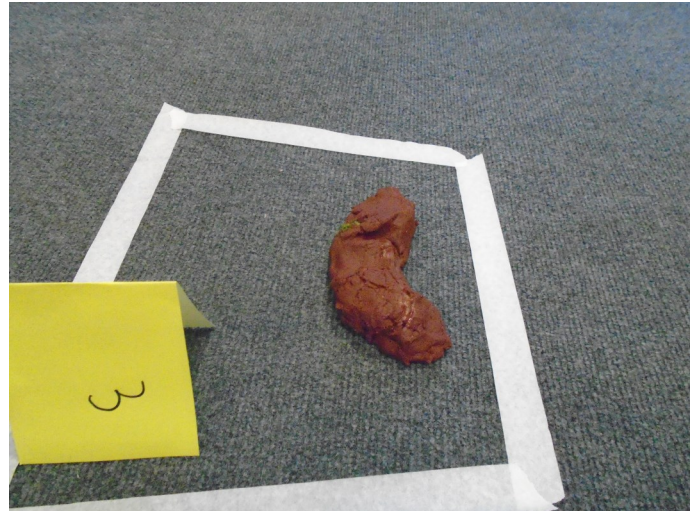
If you would like any further information, please email library@plymouth.gov.uk or speak to staff at our local library.

Year 1 News—Phonics Workshop

Year 1 Phonics Workshop Wednesday 17th October 9-11am (may be shorter).

Year 3

You wouldn't believe what happened in Year 3 this week! Monday morning started off with a disaster as all of the Year 3 classrooms had been broken into but what looked like a prehistoric animal. Unfortunately, the animal (whatever it maybe) left behind a terrible mess and some lovely poo for the children to investigate. Here are some pictures of the children investigating the evidence across the 3 classes.



Cycling

On a beautiful sunny day, 8 children across year 5 & 6 represented our school in the annual Cycling event held at Heles. This event consisted of 2 races, the first race was a time trial for an overall seeded position. Children ranked 1-8 then had to race against 11 other children from different schools. Just missing out on medals the team finished 4th overall, hopefully qualified for the next round. Congratulations team you were all amazing.



Cross Country

On Wednesday during a warm afternoon, 4 teams took part in the cross country warm up 2 at Egguckland Community College. 11 schools took part with a massive 55 teams competing. The year 3/4 girls were first to race, followed by the year 3/4 boys. Then the year 5/6 girls. Then last to race were the year 5/6 boys. All the athletes put in a lot of effort to finish in the lowest position they could. All the positions in that school team would then get added together to give each team category an overall score. Congratulations to each team, Yr 3/4 G in 2nd with 52 points. Boys 4th with 51, Yr 5/6 G 4th with 75 points and finally the boys in 6th with 95 points. Thanks to the parents who supported and transported some of the children. If you are able to help with future events please let me know, this will then give more children the opportunity to compete.



Year 5

Yesterday, Year 5 went to HMS Drake to visit the Navy and Marines as part of their topic and DT design challenge. The children learnt so much and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. We are already looking forward to our trip on Tuesday to the Golden Hind to compare old with new.



Year 6—Heart Dissection

Last Friday two Science teachers from SDCC visited Year 6 to perform a heart dissection. This was part of our 'Healthy Humans' topic where the children were learning about the circulatory system.



Personal challenge

Personal challenge is an important factor that goes towards the School Games Mark. Each week we will have a new 'Personal Challenge Competition' that will be sent out to all schools to try and beat their own and each others scores.



You can post either videos, pictures or write ups on your school websites, social media pages or email them to either Hayley or Josh:

h.jarvis@sjhcsc.co.uk or
j.gilbert@sjhcsc.co.uk

Good Luck!



Book of the Week



What if princesses didn't always marry Prince Charming and live happily ever after? In this stunning anthology, 15 favourite fairytales have been retold for a new generation. These princesses are smart, funny, and kind, and can do anything they set their minds to!

Thanks to Mrs Tapp (Yr 3) and Miss Tapp (Yr 2) for recommending this week's book. Montpelier's very own modern day princesses!

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

Invite to Year 6 Open Evenings at Ivybridge Community College

Ivybridge Community College would like to invite you to their Year 6 Open Evening on Tuesday, 9th October at 6.00pm in the Performance Hall. The Open Evening will give you and your child the opportunity to tour the College and visit curriculum areas. Members of staff from each Department will discuss Key Stage 3 provision and curriculum and there will be an opportunity to see resources and students' work. This will assist your decision in October with the selection of a secondary school for your child.

Thumbs up

for the flu vaccine



#ThumbsUpForCoby

Earlier this year, our beautiful son, Coby, died from flu. He was just nine-years old and lived with us here in Devon.

Like every child, Coby was a special little boy. He loved maths, computers and playing with his friends. We miss him every day and our life is not the same without him.

We don't want anyone to go through what we've been through. That's why we're urging parents to get their child vaccinated against flu.

With thanks and best wishes,

Louise and Jamie, Coby's mum and dad



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The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to help protect children against flu.

Children from reception to year five will receive a consent form from their school, via letter or online. Consent forms must be completed for your child to be vaccinated. Many parents have already returned their forms.

If your child is aged 2 to 4, or has a long-term condition, like asthma or diabetes, contact your GP and book them in for a vaccination. Clinics are available now and are filling up.

Protect your child and those around them now. Get the flu vaccine.

www.NEWDevonCCG.nhs.uk



PPCV Choosing a Secondary School for a young person with SEND

DESCRIPTION

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE SAME SESSION IS RUNNING AT 2 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS - THE MORNING SESSION IS AT THE GUILDHALL AND THE EVENING SESSION IS AT THE PIAS OFFICE IN THE SCOTT BUSINESS PARK.

PPCV is working with PIAS to bring you the following information sessions. These are for parent carers though young people may attend then evening session if they want to.

My child has Special Education needs and or a disability what do I need to consider when choosing a secondary school.

Thursday 18th October charter room in the guildhall 9.30am – 12 - this session is being held at the Guildhall

Thurs 18th October Jan Cutting healthy living centre 5.30pm – 8pm - this session is being held at the PIAS office in Scott Business Park.

Teas and coffees provided.

Please book one ticket for each person attending - including young people - many thanks. Ticket cost of £5 is refundable on attending or cancelling in advance.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-choosing-a-secondary-school-for-a-young-person-with-send-tickets-50613903548>

DATE AND TIME: Thu 18 October 2018, 09:00 – 20:00 BST

LOCATION: Plymouth Guildhall



PPCV Dyslexia in Schools Consultation

DESCRIPTION: PPCV in conjunction with the Plymouth City Council would like to gather family's views on a new document to support children and young people in education with Dyslexia.

There will be 3 short meetings (please choose a time when you book your ticket - one ticket per person.)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ppcv-dyslexia-in-schools-consultation-tickets-50441532983>

These will run 10 - 11 am and 1 - 2 pm and 5.30 - 6.30 pm.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

DATE AND TIME: Wed 17 October 2018, 09:30 – 18:30 BST

LOCATION: Plymouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Plymouth