

The Beacon

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The Beacon at a Glance

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Deputy Headteacher's News

At this festive time of year I would like to ask that we all take a moment to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you have a few moments over the weekend please take a minute to visit www.postpals.co.uk who aim to brighten the lives of sick children.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to three of our valued members of staff at Christmas, Mr Hitchcock, Mrs Shotton, & Miss Osbourne. We wish them every success for the future.

Foundation News

What a fantastic show at the theatre- we were very proud of how well the children all behaved. Thank you to all parents who ordered Numicon- as a result we have been able to purchase a 3-year licence for the Numicon interactive software and giant foam Numicon pieces for the outdoor area. We are looking forward to you joining us for the Sing-a-Long next Tuesday- children can come to school for the day in Christmas mufti.

Year 1 News

What a festive week we've had! Year 1 have written postcards to a character from 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and more importantly their letters to Santa. We are very much looking forward to showing off our talent in the Christmas Show next week. Thank you all for the fabulous costumes!

Year 2 News

Wow! What a busy week! It was great to see many of you on Math's day. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into some spectacular shape challenges! There was more fun on Thursday when each class received a GOLDEN TICKET from the one and only... Willy Wonka! We look forward to seeing you at the fair to show you what we've been up to!

Year 2 - Tin Cans

Please save any empty/clean tin cans you have at home and pass them to reception for Year 2 by Tuesday 12th December - Thank you!

Year 3 News

Year Three have had a busy week. We have continued to study a range of poems and have written our own Stone Age poems. On Maths Fun Day we enjoyed Christmas themed fraction activities and created our own pictures by printing shapes inspired by the work of Kandinsky. Thank you for your support and sharing part of our Maths Fun Day. In DT we created Christmas decorations to sell at the Christmas Fair. Enjoy the weekend. The Year 3 team.

Year 4 News

Year 4 have had an extremely busy week! It all started with making falafel to taste at our feast on our Egyptian Quest Day, making Maths board games to play with other children and preparing for the Christmas fair! Thank you to all of those parents who attended Maths Fun Day, what a great turn out. Have a fantastic weekend- don't forget there is no more booster club this term!

Year 5 News

Thank you to those parents who attended the Maths Day on Tuesday and we hope you found the experience useful, despite illness in the year 5 ranks. We have been creating calendars to be sold at the Christmas Fair this week, as part of our fund for the sailing event at the end of the school year. We hope you enjoy the creations.

Year 6 News

This week saw the final culmination of many weeks of dance practise. The children confidently performed their pieces and it was a joy to behold!

Key Diary Dates

Mon 11th Dec – Carol Service, Mutley Baptist Church
Tues 12th Dec – 2pm Foundation Christmas Sing-along, mince pies and a cuppa.
Wed 13th Dec – Christmas Lunch
Wed 13th Dec – Christmas Tree Festival 3.15-4.30pm
Wed 13th Dec – Yr 1 Christmas Play 9:30-10:30am or 2-3pm
Wed 13th Dec – Service family Christmas event
Thurs 14th Dec – Christmas Tree Festival 3.15-4.30pm
Wed 20th Dec 2017 – Tues 02nd Jan 2018 incl. - Christmas holidays
Wed 03rd Jan 2018 – **Non-pupil day**
Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb Inc. – Half term
Fri 16th March – **Non-pupil day**
Fri 30th Mar – 16th Apr Inc. – Easter holidays
Mon 7th May – Bank holiday
Mon 28th May – Bank holiday
Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term
Fri 20th July – End of term - 2:30pm finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

Salsa Evening

27th January 6:30 – 10pm at New Victoria House, Weston Park Road, Plymouth (just off Mutley Plain). There will be half hour introduction lesson to the basic steps of salsa followed by a one-hour salsa lesson and one-hour bachata lesson led by Kevan Kennedy of Lemon Frog Dancing Company. You can bring your own drink and food to eat on the evening. Tickets are only £10 per person and will be on sale in December. Email: jrandell@phsg.org

Music News

All Miss JR's after school choirs/steel pan clubs plus all instrumental lessons are now finished for this term. We are all looking forward to the Carol Service.

Restart dates for Choirs: Thursday Choir is Thurs 11th Jan, Year 2 and 3 is Tues 16th January
Steel Pan- Mon 8th January (Y6) or Wed 10th January (Y5)
Instrumental lessons will restart the week commencing 8th January apart from brass which restarts on Wednesday 17th January. Payment requests for lessons will be sent out at the start of term.

Carol Service

As with last year and due to popular demand we will be live streaming our Carol Service on Monday 11th December from 6pm. If you have any concerns about your child taking part in this then please contact main reception on 01752 216160. You can find us on Facebook by visiting [fb.me/MPSPLymouth](https://www.facebook.com/MPSPLymouth)

Maths Fun day

Thank you to all those who came in at the start of Maths Fun day, it was wonderful to have so many parents attend. Hopefully you gained an insight into the expectations of the National Curriculum for maths and how it is supported in Montpelier.

Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas Tree Festival next Wednesday 13th 3.15-4.30 and Thursday 14th December 3.15-4.30

School Games

Congratulations to both Football teams that competed on a very cold and windy day at Tor Bridge School yesterday. Both teams putting in fantastic performances, the B team finished in 8th position while the A team in 3rd. The Netball and Athletics after school club has now finished, both clubs will continue after Christmas.