

# The Beacon

Academic Year 2021/22

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## *Hello from Mr West*

As the school year draws to a close our plans and preparations for the new year are well underway. It is with this in mind that I wish to share a few developments with you.

I will start with a message of congratulations. I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Danielle Jones as our new Assistant Headteacher from September 2022. The process was vigorous and robust and the calibre of candidates was extremely high. This appointment secures our Headship team going into the new year.

Another development will see Mr Fielding leave Montpelier to take up a new post at Blackawton Primary School. Mr Fielding has been part of the Montpelier family for 8 years and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well as he starts his new adventure.

When one door closes, another door opens and it gives me great pleasure to share that Kate Bullard and Jennies Symons will join the Head of Year team at our school from September. They will add enthusiasm, drive and a wealth of knowledge to support the children that we serve. Congratulations Kate and Jennie.

Finally, I am pleased to let you know that we will welcome two new teaching staff to our team in September, with Shelley Conroy and Charlotte Waugh, having been successful at interview, joining the team for the new academic year.

It is my intention to share our staffing structure with you before the end of term, so watch this space.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## *School Term Dates for 2021/2022*

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July (am)** – Foundation and KS1 Sports Day

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July (am)** – Years 3 & 4 Sports Day

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July (pm)** – Years 5 & 6 Sports Day

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Parents Evening - *virtual*

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Parents Evening - *virtual*

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Wear what you want to wear mufti

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

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

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> July** - Start of the summer holidays

## *School Term Dates for 2022/2023*

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022** - Non-pupil day

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Non-pupil day

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** - First day of term

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.** – Half term

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023** – Christmas Holidays

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023** – Bank Holiday

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Non-pupil day

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – First day of term

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Inc.** – Half term

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Non-pupil day

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Non-pupil day

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

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### *Montpelier cruise past St Matthew's*

On Monday, The Boys' football team faced up against St Matthew's in a Plymouth Knockout tussle at their pitch. Our Green Army got off to a flying start, with Harrison slotting the first inside 3 minutes through the keeper's legs. Our lads continued to dominate and further goals before half-time from Cooper and Ollie led to a comfortable 3-0 buffer, with the team playing at times some slick one-touch passing.

To their credit, St Matthew's upped the tempo after the break, but our backline held firm with little alarm to coast to a 3-0 final score.

Congratulations to Olly, Roo, Freddie, Harrison, Billy, Charlie, Jamie, Cooper and Ollie.

Thank you to the parents who came to support the team and especially to Olly's dad for refereeing.

Onwards to the next round!

Mr Robinson & Mr Carhart

### *Sports Day*

Just a reminder that it's our annual Sports Day next week. KS1 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Year 3 & 4 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am and Year 5 & 6 at 1.20pm. These will take place at DHSG on the field.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct PE Kit - black shorts, white T-Shirt and sensible footwear (trainers or plimsolls) Please wear this to school.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle, sun hat and apply sunscreen before school.

Many thanks, Mrs Pearce

## PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ZIG-ZAG LINES AROUND OUR SCHOOL

### **Don't cause an obstruction**

YELLOW zig-zag lines on the road are most often seen outside schools, yet many motorists are still unsure as to what they mean.

Also commonly found outside hospitals, police and fire stations, yellow zig-zag lines have a very specific meaning but signs next to them may suggest to drivers that the rules only apply between certain hours, which seems to be the source of many people's confusion.

Let's take a look at what yellow zig-zag lines mean and clear up some misconceptions.

### **Is it illegal to park on zig-zag lines outside schools?**

**Yes**, it's always illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill. It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services or near a bus stop, tram stop or taxi rank. Again, the rule will often — but not always — be made obvious with yellow zig-zags on the road.

Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous.



### **What is the penalty for parking on zig-zag lines?**

It depends on which body issues the penalty. If caught by the police, although it's a non-endorsable offence, drivers could face a fine of between £50 and £100. A local authority issuing a penalty charge notice may fine the driver either £50 or £70, though the charge is usually halved if paid within 14 days.

# RN FPS Community Support DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT EVENT

**Crownhill Community Centre**  
Crownhill Fort Road, Plymouth, PL6 5BX



## ROYAL NAVY Deployment Support

**CROWNHILL  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
NO NEED TO PRE BOOK**

**14 MAY  
06 AUG  
29 OCT**

**ALL AT 1000 - 1200**

Deployment support session for anyone who has a family member deployed.  
RN FPS plus other organisations will be there to offer advice, support and guidance.  
Memory Boxes and arts and crafts for the children, refreshments available.



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