

# The Beacon

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## Hello from Mr West

It is often said that a school is at the heart of a community, with community by definition 'a group of people living in the same place'. The question I readily ask myself is how far afield does our school community reach? The simple answer is the distance between the school and the family that travel furthest to get here – but in fact, family members of our children are spread worldwide. The simple notion of this can be difficult to comprehend, as the day-to-day world that most of us operate in stretches no more than a few miles and for the most part, our consideration is ourselves and those that we love.

I write this week to ask that we look beyond our everyday and seek to do something that will make someone else smile. The term random act of kindness refers to selfless acts, both large and small, that are committed unexpectedly, with no apparent ulterior motive. Generally, the term refers to acts performed for strangers, but random acts of kindness can also be done for friends and family. In this case, I would like to draw your attention to the link below – one small act of kindness (and the cost of a card and stamp) could make this little boys day. Have a great weekend see you next week.

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/plymouth-news/deaf-lad-requests-simple-gift-3890764>



**BOOK OF THE WEEK**



**The Three Billy-Goats Gruff**

Read in:

Arabic	Bengali	Cantonese
English	French	German
Gujarati	Mandarin	Polish
Spanish	Tamil	Turkish
Urdu	Welsh	

This week, I am recommending a website rather than a single book.  
worldstories.org.uk

Find short stories, from around the world, available to read in a variety of languages.

We will be using this website, to help explore Montpelier's cultural diversity, during our World Book Day celebrations.

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

## School Term Dates for 2019/2020

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day / Bedtime stories

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March** – 1M Parent lunch

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March** – 1S Parent lunch

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Sports Relief mufti

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March** – 1P Parent lunch

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May** – VE Day Celebrations

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Yr6 SATs

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Yr 6 Bude

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Half term

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Non-Pupil Day

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

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

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Non-Pupil Day

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** – First day of term

## ***Music News***

Miss JR is unable to run after school clubs on the following dates:

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March - no Y2/3 Choir

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March - no Y4/5/6 Choir

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March- no steel pan club

Everything will be back to normal the following week.

## ***Monday after school Athletics***

The indoor season have now finished we will start to train over at DHSG ready for the Quads and Brickfields competitions.

### ***Cross Country – Thursdays***

Thank you to those children who have joined in with this afterschool club, this is only now for the year 3/4 girls and 5/6 boys ready for the Devon final in a few weeks.

### ***Thanks to the PTFA***

Thank you to the PTFA who kindly brought the Sports Department rain coats, these will be very useful especially in today's conditions with the year 5/6 Athletics team walking to the Life Centre ready for the Devon Finals.

## ***Bude***

The next £50 instalment for Bude is due by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, with the final payment of £60 due by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## ***Parent Lunches***

Soon you will be receiving an invite to join your child for lunch. This will give you an opportunity to sample the school meals and help you to understand the mealtime routine. Ellen Jones the kitchen manager will be available to discuss any questions you may have. The cost per meal is £3.20, paid via SchoolMoney. A letter will come home nearer the time inviting you to partake. At this point in time we can only accommodate 1 adult per child, this may be a parent/carer, grandparent, auntie, uncle etc.

<b>Class/Year Group</b>	<b>Date of Parent Lunch</b>
1M	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
1P	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
1S	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
2M	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
2P	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
2S	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Year 3	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 <b><i>Please note change of date</i></b>
Year 4	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Year 5	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Year 6	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2020

***Foundation parents' were invited into school to have lunch with their child back in September.***

## Use of Tik Tok

It has been brought to our attention that many of our children, particularly in upper KS2, are users of Tik Tok, some in an inappropriate manner. See website below for advice on safe use of media and tech by children.

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/tiktok>



Hi Parents and Carers,



'Search it Up' is a series of Bafta- nominated short animated films about how to be smart, safe and kind online. The 18 episodes feature two children called Maya and Jack and their Gran on their daily adventures on the internet. The series covers a range of e-safety issues including phishing, fake information and controlling what you share online. Each episode lasts for only a few minutes and they are ideal to watch together as a family and discuss. It is worth previewing each episode to check that the content is appropriate for your child/children before watching it together.

The series is available on a range of digital content platforms including Sky Kids and Youtube via the Azoomer channel.

The Azoomer Youtube channel can be found here

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKtW0d4hugFc-776khlACFA/videos>

Have fun searching them out!

Monty

# Parent Careers Event

3 March 2020 4.30pm-6.30pm

Thinking about a career or job change?

Thinking about returning to work?

Free appointments available for careers advice or help with writing a CV.  
To book an appointment email [strezona@sdcc.net](mailto:strezona@sdcc.net)



Community College

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We have the following employers and support organisations coming along, there will be more...

**GWR**

**ARMY**  
BE THE BEST

**National Careers Service**  
Helping you take the next step

**BUILDING PLYMOUTH .CO.UK**

**city college plymouth**

**jobcentreplus**

**pluss**  
Adding to Life

**babcock**

**StepsAhead**  
CARE & SUPPORT

Please sign in at reception on the evening

## Careers Fair

If you are thinking about making a career or job change, returning to work, needing support to write your CV, Sarah Trezona, who is the careers and employability lead at Stoke Damerell Community College (SDCC), is hosting a Parents Careers Fair at SDCC, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 4.30-6.30pm. Please see the attached poster for full details or speak to Jane Gilbert.

Jane Gilbert, Parent Support Advisor