

The Beacon

Academic Year 2019/20

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

A friend from back in Hampshire has recently had to undergo major brain surgery. It was one of those shock messages that you see on Facebook that makes you take stock of what you have going on. This person has really inspired me. Rather than sharing her fears, her 'it's not fair's' and her frustrations, she has set up a 30 Days of Gratitude celebration, encouraging us all to join her. It has become a highlight of my day. I sit to read their post and have to then think what I am going to share that I am grateful for. I have to say that the joy that my job gives me, the people that I work with and the families I am connected with through school are a constant source of gratitude for me – thank you! However, it is also the small things: ten extra minutes under the duvet; a stunning sun rise; laughing at something on the radio; the moment your six month old puppy actually does what they are told! There are many things each day that we can be grateful for; enjoy counting them.

I appreciate that we are into the Christmas craziness with our Toy and Gift Giveaway, Toy and Gift Giveaway, Tree Festival, Year 1 Nativity, Year F sing-a-long, Christmas lunch/jumper day, Christmas Fair, Carols Round the Tree and Wishes Round the Tree. I know that I will have forgotten something. The amazing office team will be working flat out to make sure that we get all the right letters/tickets/information out at the right time. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding if things go amiss – I know that as a school family we can keep the Christmas spirit going and look after each other as we all feel the pinch in different ways. Let's stay grateful and positive.

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Hunter ☺

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Fri 29th Nov – School closed - Non-Pupil Day

Tues 3rd Dec - Toy & Gift Giveaway

- Year 6 and 5 at 9:15am
- Year 4 and 3 at 10.15am
- Year 1 and 2 at 1:30pm
- Foundation at 2:30pm

Wed 4th Dec - Montpelier Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 6th - Mufti for Christmas Fair

Mon 9th Dec – 6pm Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

Thurs 12th Dec – ***School closed for Polling Day***

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Lunch Day

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Fair 3:15pm

Fri 13th - Christmas MUFTI /Jumper day

Mon 16th Dec – 6:30pm Carols around the tree - KS2 Hall

Mon 16th Dec Foundation Class Christmas Parties

Tues 17th Dec – Foundation Christmas sing-a-long 2pm KS2 Hall

Wed 18th Dec – Wishes around the tree

- Years 1 and 2 at 1:10pm,
- Foundation at 2.00pm

Thurs 19th Dec - Wishes around the tree

- Years 3 and 4 at 1:20pm,
- Years 5 and 6 at 2:00pm

Fri 20th Dec – Fri 3rd Jan 2020 Inc. – Christmas Holidays

Mon 6th Jan – Non-Pupil Day

School Term Dates for 2019/2020 continued

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb Inc. - Half term
Mon 30th March – Mon 13th April Inc. – Easter holidays
Tues 14th April – Non-Pupil Day
Fri 8th May – Bank Holiday
Mon 11th May - Yr6 SATs
Sun 17th – 22nd May – Yr 6 Bude
Mon 25th – Fri 29th May - Half term
Fri 26th June – Non-Pupil Day
Wed 22nd July – end of term
Thurs 23rd July – First day of summer holidays

Friday 6th - Mufti Donations for Our Christmas Fair

The PTFA are trying something different in the hope to bring you even more enjoyment and choice at the Christmas Fair. If possible, they would love it if the following donations could be sent in for mufti donations on 6th December please.

Foundation - jars (fill a clean jar with whatever you want i.e. bath bombs, sweets, stationery, etc)

Years 1 & 2 - wrapping paper, gift tags or bows, Christmas cards

Year 3 - teddies

Years 4, 5 & 6 - chocolate donations

Thank you for your continued support.

Sport Clubs

Monday lunchtime running club and Thursday after school Cross Country Club has finished. Next week will be the final week of all other clubs, they will all continue the second week back after Xmas.



Forest Maintenance

We are in need of some work doing in our forest area. Initially, we are looking for help with the following jobs - building a storage box and wood store, pegging our new log circle in place and spreading slate and wood chippings. A big thank you to the parents and the National Trust Plymbridge who kindly donated logs to us!

If you think you can help or would like to know more, please contact the reception team and let them know of your availability before Christmas, ideally any weekday day after 15:00 and I will get in touch with you. Refreshments will be provided!

Miss Nicholls

Staff Car Park

May we remind parents that the car park in North Down Road is for STAFF ONLY. As such the gate will be locked at 8:30am each morning. We would also like to remind parents that they should keep to the pedestrian areas around the carpark and not walk across the carpark itself.

Parking

We have again been contacted by our neighbours, and parents who live near the school, about inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving. This has taken the form of blocking driveways, parking in inappropriate places and parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school. I know that many of you will read this and be shocked and disheartened, as you always park appropriately and with consideration for others. If you witness any actions outside school that concern you please can I ask that you report it to parking@plymouth.gov.uk. Please be considerate to others when parking/driving around the school. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

A Message from Monty!



Hi Parents and Carers,

In my last e-safety message, I shared some resources that were great to share and discuss with children in Foundation and Key Stage 1. This week's useful resources, made by the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command, are aimed at children aged 8 -10.

The resources consist of a set of videos and a computer game based around a set of school friends who love gaming, vlogging, singing and making music.

The game, called Band Runner, is great for playing together with your child and contains e-safety questions which have to be answered to earn extra rewards.

The game and videos can be located at

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

There is great advice about using the resources with your child at

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>

Hope that is helpful,
Monty



LOOK OUT FOR ed's SPECIAL EVENTS

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NATIONAL SCHOOLS MEALS WEEK
MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER



AMERICAN THANKS GIVING DAY
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
(LINKING AND SUPPORTING MAYFLOWER 400)



CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DECEMBER
(SEE SCHOOL FOR DATES)



CHINESE NEW YEAR
MONDAY 27TH JANUARY



PANCAKE DAY SHROVE TUESDAY
TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY



SPORTS RELIEF DAY
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

STAY UP TO DATE

 Like: facebook.com/plymouthcatered

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Christmas Nativity Service

Sunday 15th December

10:30am, Hope Baptist Church

Children are invited to come dressed as a shepherd, wise king, innkeeper, angel or stable animal, to join in a live performance of 'It all Begins in Bethlehem'

Followed by Festive Refreshments

Contact zoe.lane@hopebaptist.co.uk for more details





**Get
Ready for
Christmas!**

Hope
Baptist Church

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER

10:00-12:00 AM

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

This event is especially for under 8's and their families, but all welcome. The morning will include the nativity story, crafts, games and festive refreshments.

Entrance to this event is free, but there will be a small charge for refreshments.

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

● For more information contact zoe.lane@hopebaptist.co.uk

● Hope Baptist Church, Peverell Corner, PL3 4QG. ●