

The Beacon

Academic Year 2019/20

Issue No: 5

Date 4th Oct 2019

Hello from Mrs Hunter

I have just come from this morning's celebration assembly. I know that for myself, Mr West and Miss Spragg these are one of the highlights of our week. This is not just because it marks the near arrival of the weekend! It is because it gives us the chance to come together and share some smiles, hear what people have been up to and say congratulations to successes and efforts. This morning we celebrated: great learning behaviours; stars of the week; those Going for Gold; cross country runners; Year 3 artists taking part in a competition; dog trainer of the week and those who have been achieving recognition from Children's University. What a fabulous way to spend half an hour! Last week when we had our visiting Ofsted team in there was a moment when I had wished they had been in for the Friday assemblies – they are like a time capsule of the week and give a flavour of what a special place we are all part of.

We have ten more days until the half term break. We have Parents' Evenings in the last week. However, if there is something that is niggling away at you, causing you some worry or uncertainty please don't wait until that meeting to talk with the class teacher. We do the best for our children when we keep in touch all the time and then we can tackle things as and when they arise. So if there is something on your mind, pop in and see us and we can work out who is the right person for you to talk to.

Have a great weekend and we will see you next week.

Mrs Hunter ☺

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Wed 9th Oct – Harvest Festival

Tues 15th Oct – Parents Evening

Thurs 17th Oct – Parents Evening

Thurs 17th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for Foundation & KS1 from 8am KS1 Hall

Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct – Half term

Sun 27th Oct – Mount Edgcumbe Country Park Spooky Trail. Fancy Dress 1:30pm on the terrace in front of the House. £3 per child – a goody bag at the end for all registered. Register 12noon -2:45. Trail closes 4pm

Mon 28th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for KS2 from 8am KS1 Hall

Thurs 31st Oct – Parent Forum, 9.00am

Fri 8th Nov – PTFA Quiz Night

Fri 29th Nov – Non-Pupil Day

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

Mon 6th Jan – Non-Pupil Day

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 – *please note the change of date*

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



Hi Parents and Carers,

The amount of time that children spend on devices is often a cause of concern to many of us and conflicting reports about it often appear in the news. There is some great advice about balancing screen time and the benefits of online activity on the internet matters website.

The advice about screen time is arranged by age groups:

0 - 5 screen time advice

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-0-5-year-olds/>

5 - 7 screen time advice

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-5-7-year-olds/>

7 - 11 screen time advice

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-7-11-year-olds/>

Well worth checking out,

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Year 6 - Year 7 September 2020 Entry

Reminder - parents need to submit their preference forms for Year 6 - Year 7 September 2020 Entry into secondary school by the deadline of 31st October 2019. Please, wherever possible, apply online, it is quick and easy – all you need is an email address. If you are confused or concerned just get in touch – the Admission Team will do all they can to help.

Tel: 307469

Email: secondary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk

www.plymouth.gov.uk

Those pupils who are taking the 11-plus examination will not receive results until:

Boys results issued on 10 October (Post)

Girls results issued on 10 October (Email & Post)

Cross Country

On Wednesday 26 children from year 3 – 6 competed in the 2nd Warm up Cross Country event held at Coombe Dean. With over 70 runners in each category and 18 teams in total, MPS children ran incredibly well over this long course. The teams overall positions –

Year 3 & 4 Girls – 3rd

Year 3 & 4 Boys – 6th

Year 5 & 6 Girls – 9th

Year 5 & 6 Boys – 4th

The last Warm Up Event takes place at Eggbuckland Community College on Wednesday 10th, first race starting at 4pm, if you would like your child to compete and able to transport them to and from the venue please email me on – lindapearce@mpsplymouth.net

Westward League

The Westward League is a Cross Country event for club runners, I have been lucky enough to be able to enter a school team; this is a fantastic opportunity for our children to compete in the U11 category. If you would like your child to race, please register them by 11.45 at Central Park, near the Life Centre main doors ready for a 12.15 race. There is a 50p charge per child. Any questions please email.

Bikeability

Timings for the year 5 Bikeability that commence week beginning 14th October, a letter with information went home this week. Any questions please ask.

5S – 9:00 - 10:30

5M -10:50 - 12:30

5P - 1:30 - 3:00

Tempest Photographer – individual photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 17th October to take photographs of all children in Foundation & KS1 and again on Monday 28th October to take individual photographs of all children in KS2.

For family/group photographs please come into school as near to 8am on either day – KS1 Hall

Sea Farers and the Sea – Art Competition July 2019 – KS1

Congratulations to the children who had their pieces of artwork exhibited in the art competition at The Council House - Armada Way in July 2019.

The awards' ceremony took place on Monday September 30th - attended by the Mayor of Plymouth and his wife at the The Council House - Armada Way. It was a fabulous occasion, celebrating the achievements of both KS1 & KS2 children across the city - the children proudly received their certificates and were a credit to the school.

Congratulations to Frazer who received 3rd place overall and to Eliza for achieving a highly commended. Certificates were awarded to: Amelie, Florence, Ollie and Ruby for producing high quality artwork.

Well done everyone!



LIGHT PARTY!

Thursday 31st October 6:00-7:30pm
Come along to our all treat, no
trick celebration, to include a silent
disco, a bouncy castle, craft, hot
dogs, popcorn & sweets!

Especially for children aged 4 - 11, but all welcome.
Come dressed in bright colours! £1 per person, to book visit:
<https://hopebaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/events/hl6keeyk>
Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.
For more information contact zoe.lane@hopebaptist.co.uk
Hope Baptist Church, Peverell Corner, PL3 4QG.



Emotional Health and Wellbeing Drop In

For children aged 5 to 18 and their families

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome.

When? Friday 25th October 2019
1030-1230

Where? Tavy Lodge Scout Hut,
Tavy Place, PL4 7DJ

