

The Beacon

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

When you decide that you want to become a Headteacher you have the option of doing the National Professional Qualification of Headship. When I got my first headship, I used to chat with other recently appointed heads and we would joke, 'They never taught us this on the NPQH!' I am now in my 8th year of headship and I can say with complete conviction I was never taught how to manage a school through a pandemic on my NPQH! You all know that I love my job and that I love my school family. I am just having to learn how to love a completely new aspect of my role which is to keep all of us safe and well from C19 whilst at the same time continuing to work on school improvement plans, spending time with the children and keeping our school special and full of sparkle. I want to personally thank you for the incredible support that you show me and the staff. I don't think that I know of a Headteacher who is as fortunate as I am that their parents are willing to trust me with my decisions and work with me in the way that you do. My ultimate aim is that we get to Christmas without a bubble being sent home. The more that we can do to prevent that possibility the better. If we can keep working together on Hands, Face and Space that would be amazing. Thank you so, so much.

We do have some wonderful school family events coming up which you are already aware of. We have Remembrance next Wednesday, hopefully at about 10.45am. We have Children in Need next Friday and then we have the Toy and Gift Giveaway on Tuesday 24th. However, I am delighted to share with you now something new that we are doing this year to help brighten the end of the year. We are going to have our very own Advent Calendar of Christmas bedtime stories running through from 1st December until Christmas Eve. This will be appearing on our Facebook page. We had some much positive feedback about the bedtime stories back in the summer that this seemed like the perfect opportunity to do it again. I cannot wait!

May your weekend be a fun time for your family, despite the lockdown restrictions. If in doubt, you can re-watch the popcorn making video on Facebook back in the summer and make a firework treat to eat in front of a film.

Mrs Hunter ☺

School Term Dates for 2020/2021

(In light of the current situation dates might be subject to change)

Fri 27th Nov - Non-Pupil Day

Fri 18th Dec – last day of term

Mon 21st Dec – Thurs 31st Dec – Christmas Holidays

Fri 1st Jan 2020 – Bank holiday

Mon 4th Jan – Non-pupil day

Mon 15 – Fri 19th Feb Inc. – Half term

Fri 2nd Apr – Bank holiday

Mon 5th Apr – Bank holiday

Tues 6th – Fri 16th Apr – Easter holidays

Mon 3rd May – Bank holiday

Fri 31st May – Bank holiday

Tues 1st – Fri 4th June Inc. – Half term

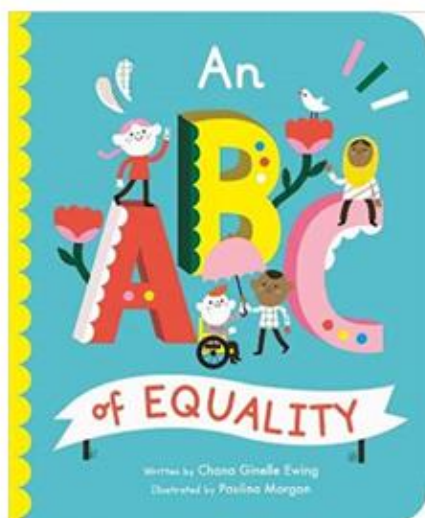
Fri 25th June – non-pupil day

Fri 23rd July – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

Mon 26th July – start of the summer holidays



BOOK OF THE WEEK



A is for Ability, B is for Belief, C is for Class. All people have the right to be treated fairly, no matter who they are, what they look like, or where they come from. This bestselling book *An ABC of Equality* introduces complicated concepts surrounding social justice to the youngest of children. From A to Z, simple explanations accompanied by engaging artwork teach children about the world we live in and how to navigate our way through it.

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



BOOK RETURNS

PLEASE REMEMBER
TO ONLY RETURN
SCHOOL BOOKS ON
MONDAYS AND
THURSDAYS

THANK YOU





PRESENTS

MATHS WEEK England

9TH-14TH NOVEMBER

ROCK OUT 2020

PRIZES TO BE WON

- ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
- WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT:
[TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEKENGLAND2020](https://ttrockstars.com/page/mathsweekengland2020)