

# The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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## *Hello from Mr West*

Where it began, I can't begin to knowing, but then I know it's growing strong.  
Was in the spring and spring became the summer, who'd have believed you'd come along.



Hands, touching hands, reaching out, touching me, touching you...

Sweet Caroline, good times never seemed so good, so good, so good, so good...

I've been inclined, to believe they never would, but now I...

Look at the night and it don't seem so lonely, we filled it up with only two,  
and when I hurt, hurting runs off my shoulders. How can I hurt when holding you?

One, touching one, reaching out, touching me, touching you...

Sweet Caroline, good times never seemed so good, so good, so good, so good...

I've been inclined, to believe they never would oh no, no



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If you are watching, enjoy the game!

## *School Term Dates for 2020/2021*

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

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July** – start of the summer holidays

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** - non-pupil day

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** – first day of term

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.** – half term

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 Inc.** – Christmas holidays

## *School Term Dates for 2021/2022*

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** - non-pupil day

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – half term

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022** – Bank holiday

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – Bank holiday

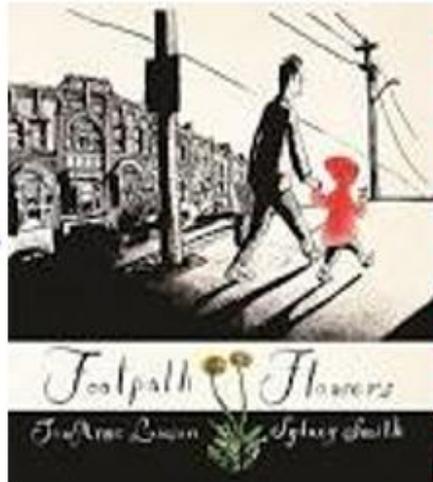
**Tues 31 May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June Inc.** - Half term

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June** - non-pupil day

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

**27<sup>th</sup> July** – start of the summer holidays

# BOOK OF THE WEEK



In this wordless, beautifully illustrated picture book from award-winning poet JonArno Lawson, a little girl collects wild flowers while her distracted father pays her – and their surroundings – little attention. Each flower the little girl gathers becomes a gift for a person or animal, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter. An ode to the importance of small things, small people and small gestures, *Footpath Flowers* is a quiet but powerful testament to the joy that children can find in ordinary things and the mutual value of giving.

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)

## *Caterpillars*

It has been brought to our attention that a child at our school has had a skin reaction following contact with a caterpillar. Further research from the family has revealed the following:

Chiefs at the Forestry Commission have called on members of the public to be “on their guard” against oak processionary moths (OPM), which are highly toxic in their caterpillar stage.

For your information hairs on the caterpillars - which feed off oak trees - contain toxins called thamentopoein which can cause severe skin rashes and asthma attacks. The hairs can also cause eye and throat irritations, vomiting, dizziness and fever. Please be vigilant at these times.

## *Plymouth Schoolboys' Football 2021-22*

Congratulations to Olly M in Year 5 for being selected to the 13-man squad representing Plymouth Schoolboys for the coming year. Well done also to Charlie B, Freddie P, Roo V and Oliver S for making progress through the selection process though sadly not quite making the final cut. This bodes well for the year ahead footballwise at Montpelier in Year 5 and 6.

## *Music News*

Would you like your child to learn a musical instrument in September?

Look out for the sign up information letter being sent to parents with children currently in Y1- Y5. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 14th July

Keyboard/piano/guitar lessons are available to all ages, other instruments available from current Y2/3 upwards.

Please contact Miss JR with any queries: [jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net)

Music/Y4 Teacher at Montpelier Primary School  
Primary Music Consultant for Plymouth Music Education Hub  
Musical Director of Legacy and Mango Tango Choirs

Get playing

Music has many benefits,  
so get playing!



Music opens a door  
to a whole world



Music makes  
you smile



Music is  
rewarding



Music helps  
you connect



Music has  
academic benefits



There are lots of  
ways to be musical



Music is good  
for your brain



You don't need to be an  
expert to help your child learn



You don't need to spend  
much to get started



Music is for life



# THIS AUGUST AT COTEHELE

## Lynher's Birthday 125th Celebrations at Cotehele Quay



2 Hour River Cruises

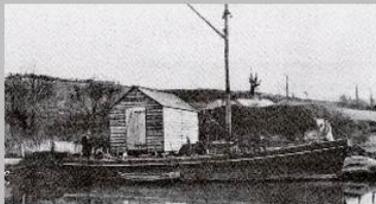


Folk Music - Local Bands - Join In  
Singing Traditional Shanties

Tug O'War

Maritime History Exhibi-  
tion Aboard Lynher

Circus Acrobat Displays



## 1900's Best Fancy Dressed Family Competition



Traditional Skills - Hoisting Sails  
"Sweating & Tailing" and Crane  
Demonstrations

