

# The Beacon

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## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

Hello! The Beacon is back! The last edition that we had was back in March with Mr West talking about Sport Relief, Book of the Week was 'We Are Here' by Oliver Jeffers and the Year 2 multi-skills teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of a school competition. And now here we are in September, living through times and changes that none of us could have imagined. As time goes on the only thing that we are more certain of is that we cannot be certain of anything. I am starting to accept that where most of my time used to be spent working proactively, it is now mainly reactive. The daily government updates and briefings still keep us all on our toes!

Please do keep an eye out on our official Facebook page for a range of updates and video presentations. The feedback that we have received is that you have found this really helpful so we will keep it up. Remember that you do not have to have a Facebook account to access this – you can simply follow the link on our Facebook page. We will also be using emails and texts in the usual way to keep you informed and up to date. I am expecting things to keep changing at a pace in these coming weeks and months so let's hold on to our hats and work together to keep our school family safe and well.

Although we are unable to be taking part in sporting competitions and are choosing not to travel off site at the moment for trips or receive visitors into school, there is still plenty to be getting on with. There are exciting topics to be investigating, new friends to make and a world of learning to explore.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Hunter 😊

## **Free School Meal**

If you have a child attending a school or 6<sup>th</sup> form and you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Plymouth City Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for our school if you are entitled to free school meals as we could receive extra school funding for all children who qualify.

Even if your child is aged 4 to 7, and would qualify for Universal Free School Meals, we would encourage you to register for free school meals, if you think that you may be entitled under any of the benefits.

## **School Term Dates for 2020/2021**

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

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Non-Pupil Day

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Half term

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Non-Pupil Day

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – last day of term

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Christmas Holidays

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020** – Bank holiday

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Non-pupil day

**Mon 15 – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** – Bank holiday

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Bank holiday

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Easter holidays

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June** – non-pupil day

**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





A stunningly illustrated picture book full of mystery and suspense, from the bestselling author of *The Storm Whale* and *Grandad's Island*.

I shared this with one of my children, this week. We loved trying to work out what *The Grotlyn* was. We used clues, in the pictures, to help make predictions and solve the mystery.

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)





# EMOTIONAL LOGIC PARENT INTRODUCTION

Do you want to:

- Know how to help your children build their inner strength to adapt to the changes and challenges in life?
- Explore new ways for your family to communicate and talk about tricky emotional issues?
- Find new ways to deal with others when they feel angry, anxious or stuck?



If so, you are invited to attend a free 90 minute online session. During the session, you will be introduced to the Emotional Logic technique and shown how the resources can be used at home.

You will also be able to hear how your child's school plans to use the materials with all children.



There are only 100 places available for the session. If you would like to book on the session, please email [admin@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:admin@mpsplymouth.net). You will be sent an invite on the day of the session.

Tuesday 22nd  
September  
6.30pm-8pm

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