

The Beacon

Academic Year 2019/20

Issue No: 2

Date 12th Sept 2019

Hello from Mr West (Deputy Head)

Well we made it to the end of week two - the summer is nothing more than a distant memory. There is much to celebrate as we look back on the start of the new school year. It is heartening to see the children throw themselves into the learning opportunities afforded to them into as they have settled into their new classes, new routines and built relationships with their new teachers.

A big thank you must be given to all for acting as brilliant ambassadors at such an important time of the school year. The start of a new year brings significant change for everyone, but we must remember that for a small number of children, this change is huge. The Foundation children, over the past five days, have taken their first tentative steps into school as they begin their journey as part of the Montpelier family. They have, as expected, made the step brilliantly, but I have to say I didn't expect anything less.

Oh, and one more thing before I embark on the weekend. As you will be aware Montpelier is located in a residential area, where space to park is at a premium. As a polite reminder I would like to ask that when parking to drop off or pick up that you are considerate to local residents and ensure that respect to given to road signs and markings – we have been made aware of, amongst other things, blocked driveways and double parking on a number of occasions. I can appreciate the challenge of parking to access our school, but ask that consideration be given before stopping.

Have a great weekend. See you all again on Monday for the start of week three.

DINNER AND BREAKFAST CLUB DEBTS

Thank you to those parents who regularly pay in advance and keep their accounts clear. May we take this opportunity to remind everyone that payment for school meals and breakfast club should be in advance as per school policy as unfortunately, debts are mounting up. If unable to make payment for whatever reason please contact the school office.

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Sat 14th Sept - Cardboard Boat Race on the Barbican (next to the Boat House) Registration 09:00, race start approx. 09:30ish. The Primary schools event should be finished by 12:00.

Fri 27th Sept - MacMillan Coffee afternoon

Wed 9th Oct – Harvest Festival

Thurs 17th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for Foundation & KS1

Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct – Half term

Mon 28th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for KS2

Thurs 31st Oct – Parent Forum, 9.00am

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

Mac Millan Coffee afternoon

Friday September 27th 1.45 -3pm.

Once again, we will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support with a coffee afternoon.

You can collect your children from their class and enjoy some refreshments with them. We ask that your children return to class by 3pm and that you collect them then in the usual way at the end of the school day. Both halls will be open so please make use of both of them.

There will also be a raffle.

We all know this touches people in so many ways personal to them and it is fantastic how we have supported this over the years.

Please come along and support this charity close to many of our hearts. Thank you all so much in advance

Jane Gilbert (Parent Support Advisor)



Our Forest Area- Looking for Logs!



Unfortunately, we have had to close our forest area for urgent maintenance. As ever, please ensure children are not accessing the area after school. We will be working on restoring the area ASAP so we can continue using it as the valuable learning resource it is.

As part of this we are looking for 30 logs to re-do the fire circle (around 30cm tall and 25cm wide). Any logs you could provide would be fantastic! Please either bring them to reception, leave them on the grass outside the forest area or if you have multiple logs please let reception know and we can arrange to collect them.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Egguckland Community College Open Evening

Egguckland Community College are holding an Open Evening on Monday 16th September 2019 6 – 8:30pm. All welcome.

Notre Dame Open Evening

Notre Dame are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 18th September 2019 4 – 7pm. All welcome.

Celebrating Our Birthdays - reminder

Reminder – children are able to wear non-uniform on their birthday if they wish! If their birthday is on a Saturday then they can wear it on a Friday and if on a Sunday then they can go for the Monday. Children whose birthday is in a school holiday can choose either side of the holiday for their special day. If their birthday happens to fall on a non-uniform day then they get an extra non-uniform day that week.

If you have any questions then please ask your child's teacher. The staff are also going to be celebrating their birthdays in the same way! We hope that this will make celebrating our birthdays all the more special. Mrs Hunter ☺

Ginger Cat

Please be aware not to approach the ginger cat that can sometimes be seen around the school site. It is very vicious and known to bite and scratch. Thank you



Celebrate at the National Marine Park Party!

There's a party in Plymouth this Saturday and local schools - staff, pupils and parents -are all invited.

Please see below an open invitation to the National Marine Park Party which takes place on Saturday 14th September from 10am to 2pm on Plymouth Hoe.

Live music and free activities (including free bouncy castle and also swimming sessions at Tinside Lido on a first come, first served basis) take place throughout the day, and there will also be a chance to experience what Plymouth Sound is like underwater with the new 360 degree video using our virtual reality headsets.

The event is open to all so you can just turn up - find out more here:

www.plymouth.gov.uk/NMPParty<<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/NMPParty>>



Plymouth City Council
cordially invites you to attend the

Plymouth Sound National Marine Park Party

The celebration event will be taking place on Plymouth Hoe
between 10am and 2pm Saturday 14 September 2019.

Featuring live stage performances, music, acts
and family activities throughout the day.

www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthsoundnationalmarinepark



Plymouth
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TOGETHER FOR CHILDHOOD

Let's celebrate the launch of PANTS in Plymouth!

Where: Plymouth Life Centre/ Central Park (inside or outside, depending on the weather)

When: Saturday 28th September, 1-3 pm

Why: We're launching a city-wide Talk PANTS campaign to help keep children safe

Please come along and join us at our free event.

What's on:

- ✚ Guest appearance by Pantosaurus
- ✚ Beat the Keeper with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust
- ✚ Basketball with Plymouth Raiders
- ✚ Craft activities for children
- ✚ Storytime



COMING SOON

CHILDREN'S SOFT PLAY

STARTING THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

MANADON SPORTS HUB PL5 3FD

Join us and discover a great way to make new friends and try our new soft play activities in a fun, safe and controlled environment.

For ages 1 - 6 years old of all abilities.

 Soft mats, ball pits, tunnels and more

 Hot and cold refreshments available

 Every Thursday 1.00pm - 2.30pm

 Turn up and play, £2 per session.



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Girls - Football Sessions



School Years 1, 2, 3 & 4

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

When: Thursday Evenings 6:00pm

Where: Central Park, Outside Life Centre on the grass

Just turn up and play or contact us on the below options

Players of all abilities are welcome

For further details Contact - Ian Nicholls 07880 346 380

www.plymouthphoenixgirlsfc.co.uk

Plymouth Phoenix Girls FC — A girls only football club.

