

The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

I wonder what you originally had planned for 2020? Before we had heard of Covid, when 'bubbles' meant something very different and when we thought nothing of moving through busy spaces rather than worrying about 'Hands, Face and Space'. Many of our plans will not have come to pass (big birthday celebrations, weddings, long awaited holidays or house renovations). Some have been stretched to breaking, perhaps financially or emotionally. However, I do wonder what we have each achieved that we would never have thought possible. It might be skills in delivering home learning, emotional resilience we never knew we had or new found or long lost hobbies. Perhaps we are now better friends with our neighbours than we were before. Perhaps our IT skills have developed to enable us to Zoom into family quizzes (including how to unmute ourselves!). Or perhaps we are now even more appreciative of the small things that we took for granted before, such as hugging members of our family. I do know that I would not have wanted to have gone through this year with any other school family. The care and support we have shown each other, the patience and understanding and good will and good humour has been overwhelming. And while the circumstances are not what any of us would have wanted, I am determined to take as many positives as I can from 2020 and carry them with me into 2021.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the happiest of Christmas times this year. Whatever your faith, may this be a time where there is light and hope in the darkness.

Sam Hunter ☺

School Term Dates for 2020/2021

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

Mon 7th Dec – 6:30pm Miss JR's Christmas Sing-a-long

Mon 14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day – full mufti

Fri 18th Dec – last day of term

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

Fri 1st Jan 2021 – 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





Miss JR's Zoom Christmas Singalong

Monday 7th December, 6:30 PM

Last places remaining!

Contact admin@mpsplymouth.net to book a
place for your family

Join us for carols, fun and Christmas cheer!



Montpelier Primary School's

CHRISTMAS

£1

RAFFLE

£1

Join Mrs Hunter
for a live Facebook draw
on Friday 11th December



Lots of prizes, BIG & small

Hoverboard

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**Nespresso coffee
machine & milk frother**



**Hotel Chocolat
Velvetiser**



**Buy tickets on School Money
Closing date 10th December**

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Please support our PTFA Christmas raffle, there are lots of fantastic prizes available.

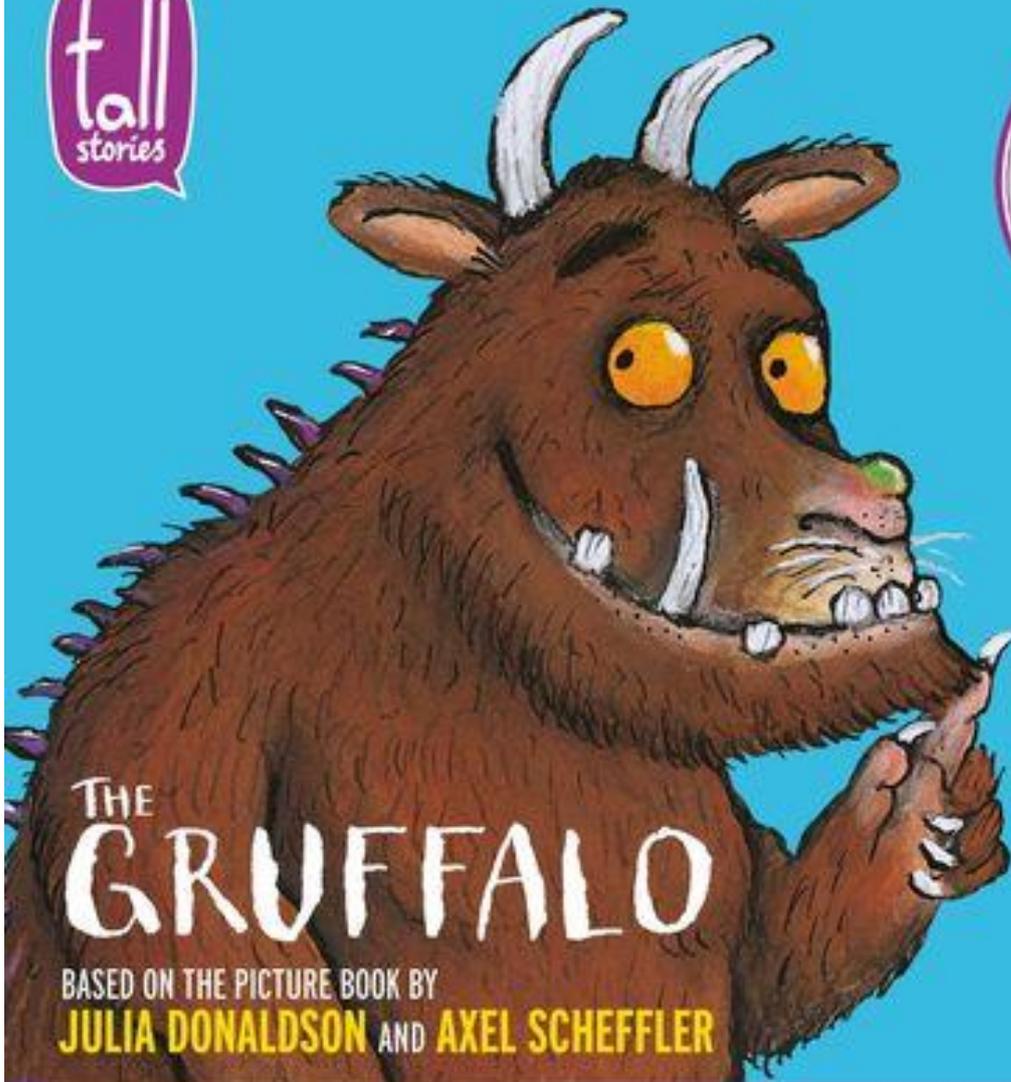
Tickets are available through SchoolMoney - shop items.

If you are unable to purchase tickets through SchoolMoney you can pay money directly into the PTFA bank account

Account number: 01036006

Sort code: 30-96-68, using your child's name as the reference.

You can then confirm this by email to ptfa@mpsplymouth.net



THE GRUFFALO

BASED ON THE PICTURE BOOK BY
JULIA DONALDSON AND **AXEL SCHEFFLER**

The Gruffalo © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 1999 - Macmillan Children's Books

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<https://www.tallstories.org.uk/the-gruffalo>

♣ All is not quiet in the Deep Dark Wood... ♣

A special live-streamed version of our much-loved stage adaptation of [The Gruffalo Live](#) this Christmas! Based on the classic book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler and presented in association with [The Lowry](#), the production will be broadcast live from London to audiences around the world, so no one will miss out on Gruffalo fun this year! Performances will take place at 11am & 2pm on Sat 12th & Sun 13th December, and there will be a special schools performance on Fri 11th December too! Suitable for children aged 3+ and their grown-ups.

To snap up your tickets and for all the information you'll need head to: www.gruffalolive.com

Sit back, relax and enjoy The Gruffalo from the comfort of your own home this Christmas! [#TheGruffalo](#) [#gruffstream](#)

Restricted places available due to COVID 19 – please book early to avoid disappointment.

Half Price Sibling Discount Available



**ARGYLE
COMMUNITY
TRUST**

**BOOK 5
COURSES IN
PLYMOUTH
FOR £40!**

*per person
*sibling discount doesn't apply
*online discounts don't apply

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2020

Book our courses online

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



	NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	THEME
PLYMOUTH	P1	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	21 December	£16	Christmas Special (9:30pm-3:30pm)
	P2	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	22 December	£12	Festive Football
	P3	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	23 December	£12	Festive Football
	P4	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	29 December	£12	Festive Football
	P5	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	30 December	£12	Festive Football
EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON	ECND1	St Joseph's School, Launceston	21 December	£12	Festive Football
	ECND2	Dobwalls Football Club	21 December	£12	Festive Football
	ECND3	St Teath Football Club	30 December	£12	Festive Football
	ECND4	Lanivet Community Centre	30 December	£12	Festive Football
WEST CORNWALL	WC1	Treviglas School	21 December	£12	Festive Football
	WC2	Falmouth School	29 December	£12	Festive Football
	WC3	Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Pool	30 December	£12	Festive Football
DISABILITY	D1	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	22 December	£12	Pan Disability Festive Football
	D2	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	29 December	£12	Pan Disability Festive Football

Prices from £8 - £25

Registration opens at 9.40am

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years

Courses run from 10am to 3pm with exception Additional activities are available

**LEARN.
PLAY.
SUCCEED.**

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

The course will give all young people who attend the opportunity to undertake a fun filled training session . This will be followed by a meet and greet with Santa and rewarded with a Christmas goody bag. Pilgrim Pete will also be in attendance and there will be chance to win lots of prizes, the day will be extend to 9:30am-3:30pm.

FESTIVE FOOTBALL

Join us for an action packed day of football activities; from shooting sessions to World Cup tournaments and each participant will receive a goody bag, which includes an Argyle medal.

PAN DISABILITY AGES 5 - 16

Football/Activity day: A fun-filled day packed with football games in an inclusive and comfortable environment. The day is tailored for children with a physical impairment, learning disability or mental health condition.

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Mellow Mums Group

Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start's aim is to be there for parents when they need us.



Mellow Mums is an informal, one-hour session, via Zoom, each week to give mums a chance to meet others and feel less isolated. It is an opportunity to chat but with no pressure to share anything that you don't want to.

We want the group to be led by Mums and so each week you will have a chance to tell us what you would like. It could be videos, guest speakers, information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going through.

It will be facilitated by a Home Start Co-ordinator and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group is suitable for mums with a child under 2 years old.

The next group starts on Thursday 3rd December at 1pm.

If you are interested in attending or would like to know more contact us at homestart.shpt@gmail.com and we will send you a link to access the group via Zoom using your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.

