

The Beacon

Academic Year 2019/20

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Hello from Mr West

It is often said that a school is at the heart of a community, with community by definition 'a group of people living in the same place'. The question I readily ask myself is how far afield does our school community reach? The simple answer is the distance between the school and the family that travel furthest to get here – but in fact, family members of our children are spread worldwide. The simple notion of this can be difficult to comprehend, as the day-to-day world that most of us operate in stretches no more than a few miles and for the most part, our consideration is ourselves and those that we love.

I write this week to ask that we look beyond our everyday and seek to do something that will make someone else smile. The term random act of kindness refers to selfless acts, both large and small, that are committed unexpectedly, with no apparent ulterior motive. Generally, the term refers to acts performed for strangers, but random acts of kindness can also be done for friends and family. In this case, I would like to draw your attention to the link below – one small act of kindness (and the cost of a card and stamp) could make this little boys day. Have a great weekend see you next week.

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/plymouth-news/deaf-lad-requests-simple-gift-3890764>



BOOK OF THE WEEK



The Three Billy-Goats Gruff

Read in:

Arabic	Bengali	Cantonese
English	French	German
Gujarati	Mandarin	Polish
Spanish	Tamil	Turkish
Urdu	Welsh	

This week, I am recommending a website rather than a single book. worldstories.org.uk

Find short stories, from around the world, available to read in a variety of languages.

We will be using this website, to help explore Montpelier's cultural diversity, during our World Book Day celebrations.

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

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day / Bedtime stories

Thurs 12th March – 1M Parent lunch

Thurs 12th March – 1S Parent lunch

Fri 13th March – Sports Relief mufti

Thurs 19th March – 1P Parent lunch

Mon 30th March – Mon 13th April Inc. – Easter holidays

Tues 14th April – Non-Pupil Day

Thurs 7th May – VE Day Celebrations

Fri 8th May – Bank Holiday

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 (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

Thurs 23rd July – First day of summer holidays

Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th Sept - Non-Pupil Day

Mon 7th Sept – First day of term

Music News

Miss JR is unable to run after school clubs on the following dates:

Tues 3rd March - no Y2/3 Choir

Thurs 5th March - no Y4/5/6 Choir

Monday 9th March- no steel pan club

Everything will be back to normal the following week.

Monday after school Athletics

The indoor season have now finished we will start to train over at DHSG ready for the Quads and Brickfields competitions.

Cross Country – Thursdays

Thank you to those children who have joined in with this afterschool club, this is only now for the year 3/4 girls and 5/6 boys ready for the Devon final in a few weeks.

Thanks to the PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA who kindly brought the Sports Department rain coats, these will be very useful especially in today's conditions with the year 5/6 Athletics team walking to the Life Centre ready for the Devon Finals.

Bude

The next £50 instalment for Bude is due by Monday 2nd March, with the final payment of £60 due by Monday 16th March.

Parent Lunches

Soon you will be receiving an invite to join your child for lunch. This will give you an opportunity to sample the school meals and help you to understand the mealtime routine. Ellen Jones the kitchen manager will be available to discuss any questions you may have. The cost per meal is £3.20, paid via SchoolMoney. A letter will come home nearer the time inviting you to partake. At this point in time we can only accommodate 1 adult per child, this may be a parent/carer, grandparent, auntie, uncle etc.

Class/Year Group	Date of Parent Lunch
1M	12 th March 2020
1P	19 th March 2020
1S	12 th March 2020
2M	16 th April 2020
2P	23 rd April 2020
2S	30 th April 2020
Year 3	6 th May 2020 <i>Please note change of date</i>
Year 4	4 th June 2020
Year 5	11 th June 2020
Year 6	18 th June 2020

Foundation parents' were invited into school to have lunch with their child back in September.

Use of Tik Tok

It has been brought to our attention that many of our children, particularly in upper KS2, are users of Tik Tok, some in an inappropriate manner. See website below for advice on safe use of media and tech by children.

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/tiktok>



Hi Parents and Carers,



'Search it Up' is a series of Bafta- nominated short animated films about how to be smart, safe and kind online. The 18 episodes feature two children called Maya and Jack and their Gran on their daily adventures on the internet. The series covers a range of e-safety issues including phishing, fake information and controlling what you share online. Each episode lasts for only a few minutes and they are ideal to watch together as a family and discuss. It is worth previewing each episode to check that the content is appropriate for your child/children before watching it together.

The series is available on a range of digital content platforms including Sky Kids and Youtube via the Azoomer channel.

The Azoomer Youtube channel can be found here

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKtW0d4hugFc-776khlACFA/videos>

Have fun searching them out!

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Parent Careers Event

3 March 2020 4.30pm-6.30pm

Thinking about a career or job change?

Thinking about returning to work?

Free appointments available for careers advice or help with writing a CV.
To book an appointment email streazona@sdcc.net



Community College

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We have the following employers and support organisations coming along, there will be more...

GWR

ARMY
BE THE BEST

National Careers Service
Helping you take the next step

BUILDING PLYMOUTH .CO.UK

city college plymouth

jobcentreplus

pluss
Adding to Life

babcock

StepsAhead
CARE & SUPPORT

Please sign in at reception on the evening

Careers Fair

If you are thinking about making a career or job change, returning to work, needing support to write your CV, Sarah Trezona, who is the careers and employability lead at Stoke Damerell Community College (SDCC), is hosting a Parents Careers Fair at SDCC, on Tuesday 3rd March from 4.30-6.30pm. Please see the attached poster for full details or speak to Jane Gilbert.

Jane Gilbert, Parent Support Advisor