

The Beacon

Academic Year 2021/22

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

One of the things that I love about being a headteacher is the cycle of celebrations that we value in school. Next week we have our Harvest Festival assemblies with Remembrance to follow after half term. Yesterday was National Poetry Day and to help us celebrate we have a poet in school today, John Dougherty, to inspire the children with all things poetical. If you have a favourite poem that you remember from childhood or that you love as an adult, do share it with your children. Snatches of rhyme can offer comfort in difficult times, hilarity and joy or can stop and make us think. If you have a favourite poem we would love to hear from you – we have set up a link on our Facebook Page where you can share a poet or poem and maybe add a link to a website where others can find it. We are also celebrating Black History month. Our approach is for all of us to educate ourselves about Black history, heritage and culture. While this is not something that is only celebrated in our school in October, it is a chance to celebrate diversity together. I am proud of all that we do as a school to ensure our children embrace and respect difference and diversity but we can always do more and Black History month is a great chance to do that. So we also have another link on our Facebook Page to enable you to share the names of Black citizens of our community, our country or globally, past or present, that you would like to celebrate.

So much to celebrate this week!

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Hunter 😊

School Term Dates for 2021/2022

Mon 18th Oct – KS1 Tempest photos – family groups from 8am in KS1 hall. Queue in playground by fire doors leading into the hall, by Pirate Ship

Mon 18th -21st Oct – Year 6 Bikeability

Fri 22nd Oct – Mufti (Go Outdoors theme)

Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct Inc. – half term

Mon 1st Nov – KS2 Tempest photos – family groups from 8am in KS1 hall. Queue in playground by fire doors leading into the hall, by Pirate Ship

Mon 1st – 4th Nov – Year 1 Balance Ability

Wed 10th Nov – Foundation Phonics and Early Reading Workshop in KS2 Hall, 2 – 3pm and 5:30 – 6:30pm

Thurs 11th Nov – Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading Workshop in KS2 Hall, 2 – 3pm and 5:30 – 6:30pm

Wed 23rd Nov – Toy and gift assemblies

Fri 26th Nov – Mufti (Dress to impress)

WB Mon 6th December – Christmas lunch week 7th – 10th more info to follow

Mon 6th Dec – Christmas Tree Festival

Tues 7th Dec – Year 1 Nativity

Wed 8th Dec – Year 2 sleepover

Thurs 9th Dec – Year 1 Nativity

Fri 10th Dec - Foundation sing-a-long

Mon 13th Dec – Carols around the tree

Wed 15th Dec – Christmas Carol Service

Thurs 16th Dec – Wishes around the tree *more info to follow*

Fri 17th Dec – Christmas jumper day

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Mon 20th Dec 2021 – Mon 3rd Jan 2022 Inc. – Christmas holidays

Tues 4th Jan 2022 - non-pupil day

Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb – half term

Mon 11th – Fri 22nd Apr Inc. – Easter holidays

School Term Dates for 2021/2022 continued

Mon 2nd May – Bank holiday

Monday 30th May – Bank holiday

Tues 31 May – Fri 3rd June Inc. - Half term

Mon 6th June - non-pupil day

25th & 26th July - non-pupil days

27th July – start of the summer holidays

Apply for a secondary (year 6 to year 7) school place

Year 6 parents - reminder - the deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching, you must apply by 31st October 2021.

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/schooladmissions/applyschoolplace/applysecondaryyear6year7schoolplace>

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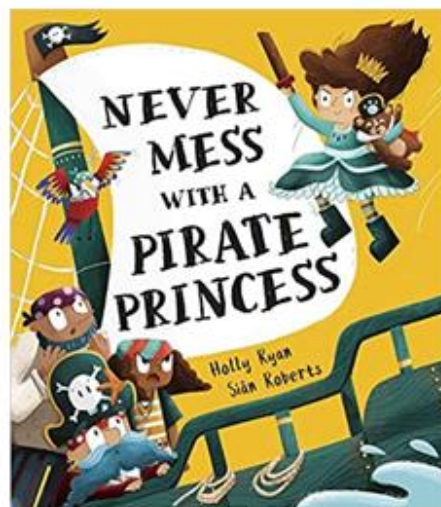
Minimum of 10 children for game required
Each child must be accompanied by a full paying adult @ £17





Many thanks to everyone that took part in the Sunflower competition last year, it was an amazing success with lots of families taking part. It is time to announce our winner. With a whooping sunflower of 3m, Rita in class 1P is our winner. I have shared a picture for you all to see. Well done Rita

BOOK OF THE WEEK



This week's book has been recommended by the Healy family. They are very proud of their friend Holly, who has written this fabulous tale.

Princess Prue was sweet and fair,
till pirates stole her teddy bear!

Great to see a feisty, female heroine in a pirate picture book.

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



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