

# The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

This week was the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. We have talked about what this means with the children in their year group assemblies across the week. I know that I have been challenged personally by the restrictions that we have all been under over this past year and the impact it has had on myself and those around me. I think that this makes me even more appreciative of VE Day and what it must have felt like to end 6 years of struggle and restriction. Definitely a good time for us to pause and reflect while also looking forward to the hope of the days ahead as our national road map continues to progress.

We have started to have more visitors on site at the moment as we start to make new changes to our own C19 road map. It has been great to meet in person some of our new colleagues from across Greenshaw Learning Trust who we have so far only seen remotely. They have all been blown away by the behaviour and manners of the children around school. There was a lovely moment yesterday when I was showing the Chair of Trustees for the whole of the trust around the school and a Year 5 pupil stopped and said, 'Hello Mrs Hunter, are you having a good day?' It was a magic moment and she was totally blown away. Fab-u-lous!

In other news, we have sent out an email to all our Year 6 2020 Leavers (now Year 7) with details of our plans for a summer get together. If you know any of those families I would appreciate it if you ask them if they have received their email. Thank you so much.

For those of you who have been watching Line of Duty (no spoilers here) I wanted to reassure you that I am not the Samantha Hunter related to Tommy Hunter! However, I did wonder if that meant I was vaguely famous and could get on to Strictly Come Dancing! Mrs Hunter ☺

## *Thrift shop*

We are continuing to sell items of second hand school uniform from the cafe entrance on Monday and Wednesday between 8.30am and 9am. Each item is just 50p. There is a selection of summer dresses, shorts, sweatshirts, skirts, pe shorts etc.

We are also accepting good quality used school uniforms (not coats, shoes tights, socks ) which you can drop off at the same time.

Jane Gilbert, Parent Support Advisor

## *School Term Dates for 2020/2021*

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Tempest Class Photos

**Mon 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – PTFA Summer Fair

**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

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** - non-pupil day

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** – first day of term

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.** – half term

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 Inc.** – Christmas holidays

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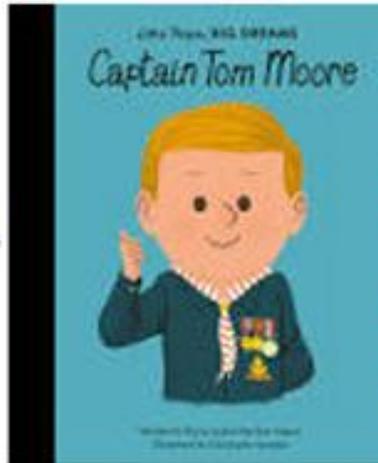
**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** - non-pupil day

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – half term

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

## Book of the Week

# BOOK OF THE WEEK



Once there was a humble boy from Yorkshire, England called Tom, who was born with his feet firmly on the ground. His determination and courage saw him and his comrades through the worst crisis the world had ever known: World War Two. So when a new crisis struck in 2020, just before his 100th birthday, Captain Tom knew just what to do. Aiming to raise £1,000 for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden, his story soon became known all over the world, with people donating so much that he quickly raised over £30 million! Captain Tom's story shows us that, by coming together, we can dream bigger than ever, and that when the going gets tough, you just have to keep on walking.

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)

## Year 2 News

We have a very exciting visitor joining the Year 2 Team for the Summer Term! Keep an eye out for Hector Hedgehog visiting your homes very soon. His bag will be packed full of reading books ready for his magical adventure to start on a Friday. Hector will need to be returned to school on the following Wednesday with all of his belongings inside his bag. We hope you have lots of fun together and be sure to send in Hector's holiday snaps to the class email address (an information leaflet will be provided in the bag).

The Year 2 Team

## Lynher Barge Trip

We had an amazing day on board the Lynher barge today. Even though the weather was too windy to sail the children learnt lots of new nautical skills and had a great day on the water.



This May Argyle Community Trust are helping fans to tackle their weight, get healthier and be happier by joining FIT Fans, a FREE 12-week programme that is delivered at Home Park.

Starting on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> the Trust will be delivering male and female programmes with the male programme taking place on Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8pm and female programme taking place on Thursdays 6.30pm – 8pm.

Our previous programmes have been very popular and produced some great results. Please see links below for more information.

[Fighting Fit Pilgrims - News - Plymouth Argyle \(pafc.co.uk\)](https://www.pafc.co.uk/news/fighting-fit-pilgrims)

[Plymouth Argyle FIT FANS participant loses over four stone - News - EFL Official Website](https://www.efl.com/news/plymouth-argyle-fit-fans-participant-loses-over-four-stone)

[Tackle Your Weight - Argyle FIT FANS - Argyle Community Trust](https://www.pafc.co.uk/news/tackle-your-weight-argyle-fit-fans)

In order to qualify to take part, participants must be aged between 35-65, have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 28 or above, and a waist measurement of over 37 inches (male) or 31 inches (female).

For more information, or to register your interest, please email [will.hickey@pafc.co.uk](mailto:will.hickey@pafc.co.uk), or click here [FIT FANS - EFL Trust](https://www.efl.com/fitfans).

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