

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

As usual we are always looking for ways for parents to be involved in the life of the school and so I am going to give you a flavour of what we are doing. It will be wonderful to see some of you who are coming in for the Year 1 'Tiger Who Came to Tea,' tea next Tuesday. The children are so excited that they will be able to share their writing with you. Please also look out for a letter inviting you to a free family walk on Dartmoor in May. The weather will be warmer and we will be guided by Dartmoor guides at Bellever. The places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Part of the work of all schools is to ensure that the education provided encompasses spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We believe that we do this well with the curriculum that we offer and the ethos of the school and the expectations that we have of one another. If you have any suggestions of activities that the school could consider to broaden this even further then please let me know.

Finally, we do have two parent information evenings coming up. One is going to be led by Mr Thomson and the Learning Army who are going to share what our Golden Learning Behaviours mean, why they are important and how we can all get stronger at them. (Tues 5th February). The other is a parent interest evening around The Chimp Paradox. Watch this space for more details but the date is Wednesday 6th March. The next Forum is going to be on Tuesday 12th March 6.00pm. This will be our first one that is outside of the school day to help working parents come should they wish.

I continue to endeavour to get to the gate but at the moment the weather or start/end of day commitments are beating me! However, I am here and my door is open should you want to see me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hunter ☺

Parent's Evening

The booking system for Parent's Evening will go live this evening at 6pm, with the exception of Class 3P; we will be in contact soon.

PTFA

The PTFA will be selling thrift outside main reception on Tuesday 29th January

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 12th Feb - Parents' evening (including Foundation stage)

Wed 13th Feb - Parents' evening (including Foundation stage)

Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

Thurs 28th Feb – PTFA Quiz Night

1st April to 5th April - The Big Pedal

Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.

Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.

Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 begins.

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

Wed 24th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

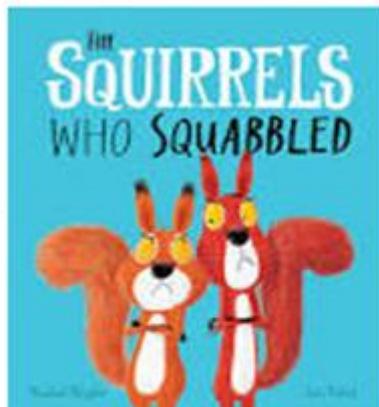
Thurs 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Year 1 children are very excited to share their super writing of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' We look forward to seeing you all at our special tea party next Tuesday 29th at 2.15pm.



BOOK
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THE
WEEK



Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...A laugh-out-loud tale about friendship and sharing. Perfect for competitive friends and sibling rivals.

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

Year 4

I think we have some budding dentists in Year 4! We have really enjoyed learning about the shapes and functions of teeth in Science, using our learning to create models of our mouths. We have also been on a 'Tooth Hunt' around the school to find out many fascinating facts. We're really looking forward to welcoming visitors from a local dental surgery next week to learn all about keeping our teeth healthy. Could we ask any outstanding permission slips are returned as soon as possible, thank you. Miss McDiarmid



Found

Have you lost a coat/jacket recently? We have a number of children's coats/jackets in our Lost Property bins, see Mrs Gilbert

- 'Official Plymouth Argyle' black Coat, with fur around the hood.
- 'Benetton' Coat Red, blue inside
- Zara boys coat, grey
- '89 Pepperts' jacket, age 7-8 navy
- 'Regatta' black age 5-6
- M&S Pack-a mac camouflage age 9-10

Year 5

What an amazing week for the children in Year 5, they have embraced new maths arithmetic challenges and are developing their persuasive writing skills. We are excited to see who is successful with their application letters to Shackleton, so watch this space! So happy to report that here is the usual happy buzz of learning within all the classrooms. Have a wonderful weekend. From the Year 5 team.

