

# The Beacon

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## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

We have had so much going on in school this week to celebrate and thank people for. I want to start with a big thank you to Miss Boyer, Miss McDiarmid and Mrs Jones who between them organised our incredible World Book Day celebrations and our bedtime reading last night. I cannot stress how important it is for our children to be lovers of books and enthusiastic readers. Reading lets us escape to another world, find out new passions and engages us with challenging ideas and opinions. As the Queen of Hearts I was excited to find a Mad Hatter, an Alice and a couple of White Rabbits to keep me company – as well as another Queen of Hearts!

On Wednesday night we had our Chimp Paradox information evening. We explored this way of thinking about how we react to certain situations and how we respond to other people. We also thought about how this is relevant to our children. There have also been sporting events on the go and we have also started the rehearsals for our performance of the Book of the Jungle. My role as Headteacher is a varied one and something that I am currently doing is making links with other local schools so that we can form relationships that enable us to work collaboratively and be able to draw on each other's strengths; I have managed some more of those visits this week and only have a couple left to do now.

We have had a brilliant response to our request for Chicken Champions and Mr Morgan is working with me to get the hen run ready. We will be in touch with those families shortly to let you know dates for 'training'. Our school tortoise is also due to arrive too. With so much going on I think that I am ready for the weekend! See you all next week.

Mrs Hunter 😊



## *School Term Dates for 2018/2019*

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Foundation & Year 6 Vista Class Photos

**1st April to 5th April** - The Big Pedal

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holiday 2019.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer Term 2019 begins.

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – PTFA Quiz Night

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday.

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Tempest Class photos & Year 6 individuals

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July** – KS1 (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) Sports Day starts at 10am

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – 9:30am Years 3 and 4 / 1:15pm Years 5 and 6

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

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – Non-Pupil Day.

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – First day of term

## Music News

There will be no Thursday choir on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March due to a staff meeting.

If your child is currently signed up for instrumental lessons but you do not wish them to continue into the summer term, please inform Miss JR (jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net) for flute, ukulele, violin, brass, drum lessons or Mrs Berna (gberna2014@gmail.com) for guitar, piano, keyboard or clarinet lessons. Notice to cease lessons should be given by 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Thank you.

## Football News

In the GOALS School Football League, the mid-season break is upon us. As you can see from the league table, the Boys' 5/6 team are handily placed and still in contention to retain the crown they won last year. Always entertaining (top scorers), Montpelier's fluid brand of football will hopefully land them more silverware when the competition recommences in May, after SATS.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	MAP	8	7	0	1	46	12	34	21
2	Compton	8	6	1	1	45	22	23	19
3	Montpelier	8	6	0	2	52	20	32	18
4	Stuart Road	8	6	0	2	44	19	25	18
5	Bickleigh Down A	8	5	1	2	34	30	4	16
6	Wembury	8	5	0	3	46	22	24	15
7	Widewell	8	4	1	3	33	35	-2	13
8	Dunstone	8	3	0	5	15	40	-25	9
9	Mayflower	8	2	0	6	28	47	-19	6
10	Creative Arts	8	1	1	6	18	57	-39	4
11	Stoke Damerel	8	1	0	7	15	37	-22	3
12	Bickleigh Down B	8	0	0	8	3	38	-35	0

## Up, now down- like a bucket in a well

On Tuesday Montpelier's football teams had a double header in the knockout cup at Woodford Primary. In damp, dismal and heavy conditions, the boys played their quarter final match first. Playing up the slope, our team started well, but were wrong-footed by a wicked deflection that gave our hosts the lead. Not downhearted, MPS peppered their opponents' goal and in the second half a super, Barcelona-esque one-touch move resulted in an acrobatic volley from Alex which nearly broke the net. No more goals meant penalties and after a save from Sam, Josh slammed home the winning spot-kick. Well played Sam, Tom, Carter, Finlay, Harrison, Alex, Harley and Josh. Good luck in the semi final.

The girls' match kicked off and quickly Montpelier fell behind. With great perseverance, the greens replied with a poacher's touch by Kayleigh, but instantly Woodford took the lead again, taking the wind out of our sails. A third before the break meant a mountain had to be climbed in the second period. Despite immense pressure, the home team didn't buckle. Our team, at the final whistle, were naturally disappointed, but nevertheless wished their opponents well in the final. Great credit goes to Jess, Layla, Matilda, Jazmine, Lauren, Amelie, Kayleigh, Holly and Breeanna, (and the other girls who have played in this cup run), many of whom hadn't played a competitive football match before this year. One hopes they continue their football adventure in the future.

A big thanks to the parents who braved the elements and made the trip to Plympton to support the teams, especially Harrison and Tom's mums who kindly transported some of the squad.

## Kiddi-Kraze events presents Charity Star Wars

Family Fun Day and Exhibition, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Crowne Plaza Hotel 11:15am – 4pm.

Meet and greet your favourite characters. Free Star Wars goody bag for the first 250 visitors. Quiet hour 10 – 11am.

Star Wars fancy dress competition. Jedi Fight Academy Training Class.

Tickets: Children £3, Adults £5, under 1's free

To book your tickets or an exhibition table, please message on Facebook page or email [kiddikrazeevents@gmail.com](mailto:kiddikrazeevents@gmail.com)

## *Indoor Athletics*

Last Friday the Indoor Athletics team competed for Plymouth in the Devon Finals held at the Life Centre. Straight away, the girls dominated the track events winning all the relay races while the boys were giving their all on the field events. After the first rotation, it was the boys turn on the track. Unfortunately, they were against very tough opponents which effected our overall points. The girls had a very impressive 236 points to the boys 154. Waiting for our overall position the children were very deflected when we were announced 6th. Team you must remember this was a Devon competition, you were all incredible and I am very proud of you all.

## *Basketball*

The year 6 Basketball team competed in the Plymouth finals on Sunday at the Pavilions, playing a round robin against the other 3 teams that also qualified. We won 2 matches and lost against the overall winners, finishing in 2nd place overall. A fantastic experience to play in front of the Raiders and to watch them afterwards. Thank you to the parents for your support and encouragement while the children were playing.

## *Gymnastics*

Congratulations to the 5 year 1 children that attended the Gymnastics festival on Tuesday, they had the opportunity to work with a England coach on floor, beam, bars and springboard activities.

## *SEN Football*

Two teams played at Goals on Wednesday, lucky the rain stayed away. What an incredible performance, not only playing but your team work and support to help the other schools, this was noticed by their staff members. Congratulations to the A team who won overall and selected to play for Devon. Well done.

## *After school clubs*

No hockey this Tuesday due to another sporting commitment, sorry for any inconvenience caused.

***Please return any sporting kit ASAP, I am missing white and green t shirts and black hoodies.***



# AFC DEVONPORT



## U8 GIRLS (School Year 2+3)



**Where?** Stoke Damerel Community College (Astro)

**When?** Every Friday, beginning Friday 8th March 2019

**Time?** 17:00 till 18:00

**Who?** Contact Macauley Rickard on 07905 139193 (or, [afcdevonport@outlook.com](mailto:afcdevonport@outlook.com))

**For?** Females of whom are in school years 2 + 3.

**Price?** First 2 sessions FREE, £2.50 thereafter.

**Fun and enjoyable football environment with coaches DBS checked and obtaining the relevant qualifications.**

