

The Beacon

Academic Year 2019/20

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

We are always seeking to give our pupils new and exciting opportunities and I am so pleased that this year we have started to extend our range of residential trips for our children. Many primary schools run a week-long trip for their Year 6 pupils and the range of benefits is endless, including the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and to experience new activities (and food!) away from familiar surroundings. However, for some children this week is the first time that they have stayed away from home and this is one reason why we would like the children to have the chance to build up gradually to Bude week. We also think that all the benefits of a residential trip should be enjoyed as soon as possible! Therefore from this year we have a Year 3 residential which is sleeping over in the school hall and Year 4 have got a night away in London, exploring some of the sites before spending the night in the science museum. Next year we will continue to expand this programme to include Year 2 and Year 5. I am incredibly grateful to my staff who continue to go above and beyond to ensure that our children have the best possible time while at Montpelier Primary School – residential trips take a huge amount of planning and a massive time commitment. We do recognise that the cost of residential trips can be a concern for some parents which is why we are seeking to balance out cheaper trips with those that are more expensive over the years. We will always ensure that we secure good value for money in terms of travel and accommodation. Residential trips will remain as an option for those families who wish to make use of them.

Thank you so much for your support with World Book Day yesterday. The children (and staff!) looked amazing in their costumes and I am proud that the option to come in non-uniform 'dressed for reading' is an option for our children. A special moment for me was hearing some of our children sharing stories in languages that they speak at home. We also linked up with children in Boston to share reading. It truly was a Book Day that covered the World!

Have a great weekend and keep reading!

Mrs Hunter 😊

Change to menu Friday 13th March for Sport Relief

Option 1: Fish and Chips

Option 2: Cheese Wheels

Desserts: Sporty Cupcakes and Biscuits served with fruit

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Thurs 12th March – 1M Parent lunch

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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

Promising Start for MPS' New Key Stage 1 Football Team

On Monday, the KS1 football team played their first matches of the year in the Argyle Community Cup qualifiers. A really high standard meant fine margins would decide which of the 6 teams would go through to the finals later in the month. Playing 5 matches, the team, with an equal mix of Year 1&2, won 3, drew 1 and lost 1 narrowly to group winners Bickleigh. Well played to Jackson, Noah, Oscar, Teddy, Jack, Harrison, Archie and Theo who represented the school for the first time and in some cases played their first competitive football matches.

Although winning is pleasant, at this age it is important that the children have fun, show good determination, demonstrate respect and also play in a variety of positions, including goalkeeper. In the future, the school will look to give more children the opportunity to represent the school, be it football or other sports.

Mr Robinson & Mr Abbott

Athletics

Wow what amazing athletes we have at MPS. Last Friday the Year 5 & 6 Athletics Team participated for Plymouth in the Devon Finals held at the Life Centre, up against 15 other strong teams. Putting their training into actions our team were incredible, they fought with every sprint, throw and jump. You all showed fantastic spirit and teamwork. Our aim was to finish in the top 10, we topped that by coming 4th overall. I am so incredibly proud of you all, congratulations.

The Year 2 Athletics Team competed on Wednesday in the first ever KS1 Athletics event held at Egguckland. The team of 12, 6 girls and 6 boys, took part in a range of sprinting relays, jumping and throwing. With only a few training sessions the team were amazing, the girls winning 3 out of 4 running races and the boys finishing in the top 3 in all events. Waiting for the overall scores to be announced with MPS winning this event. Well done team, I'm looking forward working with you next year.

No training on Monday 16th March.

Mrs Pearce

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