

# The Beacon

**Academic Year 2019/20**

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## *Hello from Mrs Hunter*

There is so much going on in school daily, weekly and termly and we try our very best to keep everyone updated with what is going on. However, I think that while being super conscientious to make sure that we get all information out to everyone using all the means we have available we probably make it harder for you all rather than easier! Thank you to those parents who have come to chat with me or I asked at Parents' Forum who have helped me with this. From next week we are going to try a new approach where we use each 'platform' for a certain purpose. We will use Facebook/Twitter for one thing and Texts for another. You will find a handy guide being emailed out to you today. The aim is that any piece of information will only be shared in one place. We hope that this new streamlined approach works for you but as ever, your feedback is appreciated. I have been talking with staff about making sure that we give you at least four weeks' notice for key events. There may be a couple of blips in these next few weeks but we will get there!

For those of you who have been in and out of school these past weeks you will have noticed an extensive refurbishment project which sees the replacement of old internal fire doors as well as the installation of additional ones in the long corridors. There is also a new fire alarm system in place and we there will be some initial work undertaken on our heating system. This is being funded by grant money allocated to us from central government. We are about to put in our next application for further work. With such an old building there is always so much to do!

Mrs Hunter ☺

## *lunchtime supervisor Vacancies*

We have 2 lunchtime supervisor role vacancies, if you are interested please come in and see Mr West for more information.

## *School Term Dates for 2019/2020*

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Anti-Bullying Week 2019 'Change Starts with Us' - wear odd socks for the week

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Service family lunch

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children in Need - wild and wacky sports fancy dress

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6:30 – 7:30pm** Information evening for new parents (2020/21 intake)

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Non-Pupil Day

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 6pm Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **School closed for Polling Day**

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch Day

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Fair

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2020 Inc.** – Christmas Holidays

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Non-Pupil Day

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Inc.** - Half term

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Yr6 SATs

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Yr 6 Bude

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Half term

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Non-Pupil Day

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – end of term

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of summer holidays

## Year 6 pupils to a Senior School Taster Day at Plymouth College.

Year 6 pupils are invited to a Senior School Taster Day at Plymouth College. The interactive day is taking place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 08.15 and 15.45 and will provide a real insight in to life at Plymouth College.

The day will consist of a selection of stimulating lessons, demonstrating the secondary school styles of teaching and an opportunity to be part of the routines and principles that define Plymouth College. You will also be taking part in an energising games session.

The day will begin at 08:15 where we will meet in the Old Gym. Coffee, tea and pastries will be available for the parents. The pupils will then be escorted to their first activity - a team building activity in the sports hall before proceeding to the teaching periods. Games will commence after break, followed by lunch in the dining hall. The final two periods of the day will begin at 14:05 and finish at 15:45 where pupils will be free to leave with a nominated parent/adult.

Students should arrive dressed in their school uniform and bring pencil case, sports kit, water bottle. A snack/ drink and lunch will be provided.

The Lower School team are very much looking forward to seeing you on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Any questions, please contact Mrs Rebecca Moore, Head of Lower School ([rmoore@plymouthcollege.com](mailto:rmoore@plymouthcollege.com)) or Mr Michie-Carr ([nmichiecarr@plymouthcollege.com](mailto:nmichiecarr@plymouthcollege.com))

For more information, please contact our Admissions department on 01752 505120 or [admissions@plymouthcollege.com](mailto:admissions@plymouthcollege.com).

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## PLYMOUTH COLLEGE YEAR 6 TASTER DAY

Thursday 14 November 2019 - 08.15 to 15.45

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### The day

- Welcome refreshments for all visitors from 08.15
- Parents are invited to tour the School from 08.45
- Join in with interactive lessons and tours with our Year 7 pupils
- Take part in sports and games activities
- The day ends at 15.45

### More about Plymouth College

- Small class sizes where teaching is tailored to pupils' individual needs
- Leading pastoral and wellbeing support
- Means tested bursaries available
- Empowering pupils to exceed their potential with the best value-added scores in the region
- Outstanding exam results with pupils progressing to Oxford, Cambridge and other leading universities
- World class sports facilities producing Olympic athletes
- A large enrichment programme, everything from pre-med to performing arts

## WHERE EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

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Register for your place by emailing [admissions@plymouthcollege.com](mailto:admissions@plymouthcollege.com) or phoning 01752 505115.

We hope you can join us.

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Henry, former pupil.

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## Anti-Bullying Week 2019

The message of Anti-Bullying Week 2019 is all about 'Change Starts With Us'. Here at Montpelier Primary School, we want to help children to understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying. During the week (11.11.19 - 15.11.19) it would be great if your child could wear **odd socks** for the week to promote and share the important message of 'Change Starts With Us'. We cannot wait to see the children wearing their odd socks next week! Thank you for your cooperation!

## *Children in Need events programme next week at Brickfields Sports Centre*

From Monday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Brickfields Sports Centre are staging an indoor cycling challenge in their Reception to pedal from John O'Groats to Lands End (874 miles) and have the services of the Army, Navy and Marines to assist with the distance.

Plymouth City College will be doing a spin class there too and will be adding their miles travelled to the total.

## *Change of menu*

Please note that due to our 'Service Lunch' on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November there will be a change of menu that week. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> will be roast chicken or veggie pie and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November will be pizza or spinach & sweet potato curry.

## *Football*

On Wednesday we entered another fantastic PSSP Primary Inclusion Football event, with over 50 children taking part and enjoying being active at Goals. This friendly Football festival, which aims to celebrate the School games, values of Respect, Determination and Self Belief. This event is not only an opportunity for children to represent their schools and compete, but we also use it as an opportunity to celebrate all of those outstanding sportsmanship qualities. In this competition, 5 points are allocated for a win, 3 points for a draw and 1 point for a game lost. Each team played 9 games so there were plenty of opportunities for spectacular goals and outstanding saves. At the end of the event, the scores were calculated. Waiting for our school to be announced with an impressive 31 points, 17 goals scored and 5 conceded we finished in 2nd position. Congratulations team you were all amazing.

Mrs Pearce

*No Netball or Hockey training next week due to other sporting competitions.*

*Sports kit – white or green t-shirts and green running vest to be returned to Mrs Pearce ASAP.*

## *Christmas tie-dings*

Please could you look at home to see if you can donate an old tie to the school, as we would like to recycle it for our amazing Christmas tree in the school entrance. We want as many ties as possible, any colour, any size, any pattern greatly received. We are really organised for our annual Montpelier Christmas Tree Festival.

Love from Mrs Hunter, Mr West and Miss Spragg



## *The story of the Mayflower*

Many thanks to those of you who have replied to the invitation to 'The story of the Mayflower' but I now realise that I failed to add the time of the performance. It will take place at 9.30am on Tuesday 19th November and I do hope that you will still be able to attend. If you have yet to reply, knowing the time may well help you be able to make that decision.