

# The Beacon

*Academic Year 2019/20*

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*Hello from Mr West*

*Pokémon and Match Attax Cards.*

Collectable trading cards come and go in popularity, but it seems that an enthusiasm has been rekindled for both Pokémon and Match Attax cards. I certainly do not wish to ban children having these in school (my own son collects Match Attax), but we have had a few issues throughout recent weeks. Cards, like any personal belongings in school, can go missing from time to time - either misplaced, lost, stolen, damaged, or spoiled in some way. Our stance is that trading cards are brought into school at the children's own risk and we are asking that trading does not take place during school hours. We wish to make you aware that staff cannot spend precious time pursuing cards that go missing. It is almost impossible to identify which cards belong to which child unless they're named (and naming cards somewhat defeats the potential for trading them). Certainly though tins or collector's books, albums or cases could be labelled. I would recommend that children don't bring in large collections or rare/expensive items as we just cannot guarantee they're safety. Bringing in a few cards that they may wish to show friends, at break or lunch times, would be most sensible. I hope you can appreciate, understand and support us by encouraging this. Thank you.



## *School Term Dates for 2019/2020*

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening**

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

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parent Forum**

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March – Sports Relief mufti**

**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**

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - Non-Pupil Day**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – First day of term**

## **Parents Evening**

Reminder - Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not already signed up for your ten-minute appointment then please do so via eSchools.

## **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club operates Mondays to Fridays from 7.45am in the school canteen. For security reasons the ONLY way in and out of the school is through the main entrance. The desk is manned from 7.40am for access in and out of the building. Children must be brought into the inner reception area before walking up to the canteen. Please stay with your child until the doors open in readiness for the 7:45am start.

We are able to offer a selection of cereals, toast & drinks up to 8.15am, food will not be served after this time. Children need their breakfast first before ICT/playing etc. The cost per child per session is £2.50, payable in advance via [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk)

## **DINNER AND BREAKFAST CLUB DEBTS**

Thank you to those parents who regularly pay in advance and keep their accounts in credit. May we take this opportunity to remind everyone that payment for school meals and breakfast club should be made in advance as per school policy. Unfortunately, debts are mounting up. If you are unable to make payment, for whatever reason, please contact the school office.

## **Bude Payments**

Instalment number 5 was due by 3<sup>rd</sup> February, bringing the amount paid to £265. Please ensure all payments are up-to-date.



## **Athletics 'Virtual Challenge' – PE HOMEWORK!**

After half-term, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be competing against classes and schools across the country in 3 activities:

- throwing a tennis ball
- standing (no run up) triple jump (hop-step-jump)
- 30 second cone challenge (run between 2 cones, 5 metres apart, as many times as possible)

Although the children will be scored in school, the children could practise at home. Last year, Montpelier had classes which won the national competition for Years 1 and 6. Will we have winners this time?

## **CATERING ASSISTANT REQUIRED**

Montpelier 7.5hrs 40169230

PLEASE APPLY ONLINE VIA THE WEB ADDRESS BELOW

Position is CATERed/216.

<https://plymouthcitycouncil.engageats.co.uk/LoginV2>

ENHANCED DBS CHECK WILL BE REQUIRED

## *Rowing*

Congratulations to the children that took part in the Primary school Rowing Championships, you all tried very hard with some wonderful techniques.

## *Indoor Athletics*

On Monday, the Year 5&6 Athletics team competed in the level 2 event at Marjons after winning the first round earlier in the year. Off to a good start was the girls on the track, putting in fantastic performances while the boys was giving their all on the field events. Incredible score from the girls with 188 points, and 156 from the boys. Knowing that the results were going to be close we were crossing our fingers hoping that Montpellier were going to be announced within the top 4, luckily we just squeezed into 4<sup>th</sup> position overall with 344 points ,excellent effort team you have now reach the Devon finals on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Congratulations, I am very proud of you all.

## *Year 3 & 4 Football*

Congratulations to both the Girls and Boys Football Team that competed on Wednesday at SDCC. For some of you it was the first time representing the school, your behaviour, attitude and teamwork was amazing. Both team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool, the boys only losing 1 match, drew 1 and won the other 6. Well done.

Please return your kits ASAP.

## *Basketball Club*

Finally, a Basketball club will start on Thursdays after half term, this will be run by a member of staff from SDCC and aimed for year 4 & 5 children. If your child is interested, please collect a letter from Mrs Pearce. Spaces are limited.





# **PLYMOUTH YOUTH CONCERT BAND**

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# **MKC HEROES MILITARY KIDS CHOIR**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

**AT**

**ST.MARY & ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC  
CATHEDRAL, PLYMOUTH**

**7.P.M. – 8.15 P.M.**

Free Entry – Bucket collection for Royal British Legion Dartmoor

Contact Carole for details 07710 809 765

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Hi Parents and Carers,



Next Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, is the annual global celebration entitled 'Safer Internet Day'. The day involves focussing on how everyone can be a good digital citizen and help to make the internet a force for good.

At our school, all of the classes will be taking part in special E-safety lessons and activities. There will also be 'Safer Internet Day' assemblies for each Key Stage during the week!

It would be great if all of our families could also join in with this event. The 'Safer Internet Day' website has many free resources, including fun activities and conversation starters, for Parents and Carers to use to help them have conversations with their child/children about being a responsible and respectful online citizen.

The resources are available using this link:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Have a great 'Safer Internet Day',

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