



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy few weeks in school, settling children into their new classes and new routines. The children are looking very smart in their school uniform, thank you. It's great to see them all happy and enthusiastic for the new term.

Meet the Teacher

It was great to see many of you over the week for our open event for parents to meet their child's new class teacher. It was an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and gather general information, such as P.E days, book changes, etc. Please send your child into school with their P.E bag on their P.E days. It is easier to bring it in on Monday and take it home on Friday, if you wish to wash it each week. That way, it is always available for your child. Class dojo is set up for you to communicate with your child's teacher or arrange a face-to-face meeting with them if needed. Teachers will be on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day should you need to speak with them.

Medical needs and medicine in school

Just a reminder that the annual review of your child's individual health care plan is now due. Any child with medical needs and/or the need for medication to be held in school must have their records reviewed by visiting the school office as soon as possible.

Attendance

We have to follow strict guidance for schools to manage children's attendance. The new attendance policy can be found on the school website and we have put together a letter summarising the main points and sent this out to you this week.

Save the Date!

- *Monday 16th September – Reading/Phonics meeting with parents
- *Friday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- *Friday 4th October – Harvest Assembly
- *Thursday 10th October - Phonics/Reading lesson visit for parents.
- *Thursday 10th October – Hello Yellow-wear yellow fundraiser for 'YoungMinds' charity. More details to follow.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs

We are finalising the clubs timetable and will be able to share this with children and parents, soon. We will continue to offer a variety of clubs to suit everyone's interests. Staff organise and run the majority of clubs, generally at lunchtimes. We arrange for Argyle to come into school and offer sports clubs. There will be a small charge for these, and they take place after school.

School Dinners

Just a reminder that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. The menu is on the school website and all meals are cooked onsite by our cook. Some of our families may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please contact the school office if you believe you may be eligible. Use the link to find out more. The school receives extra funding so please let us know.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Music Lessons

Music lessons with Mr Dove started again this week in school. If your child would like to learn to play an instrument and you would like further information, please email Mr Dove at mrdovesmusic@gmail.com



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Our Achievers this week.

Well done!



Flu Vaccinations

The immunisation team will be visiting school on Thursday 23rd October to vaccinate children from Reception to Year 6. You should have received an email from the school office inviting you to complete an online form if you wish for your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine. The link on the email will close on 18th October so please remember to respond before that date.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donna Wilson
Head Teacher

eSafety

At the beginning of a new school year, the children are all being reminded of the importance of internet safety in their Computing lessons. Google has set up an Internet legends site aimed at children from 7 years to reinforce this with this link for family discussion which may be of interest.

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/adventure

Young Minds - Hello Yellow

Thursday 10th October is HELLO YELLOW day and people across the UK will wear yellow in support of the charity YOUNGMINDS. This organisation provides very important support for young people experiencing mental health issues. We invite the children of Mary Dean's to help raise much needed funds for them by wearing yellow for a voluntary donation. It will be lovely to see as many children as possible looking bright and cheerful in yellow! We will spend some time in class looking at health and wellbeing and focussing on the theme for this year of 'Wear it loud, wear it proud'.



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