



Mary Dean's CE Primary School and Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter.



The children have settled into their new class routines now and school is a busy place!

Reminders:

*Only stud earrings should be worn in school for safety reasons. No sleeper/hoop style earrings, please. These can be ripped out of the ear, especially during playtimes and P.E. Your child will be asked to remove these if they are worn.

*Shoes, not boots to be worn as part of the uniform, please. School uniform information can be found on the school's website.

*Snacks should be healthy, preferably a piece of fruit or chopped vegetables. We have had giant bars of chocolate and family size crisps brought into school this week. If chocolate is packed for lunch, it should be as part of a biscuit, eg kitkat and not purely chocolate. No fizzy drinks, but if children need some flavour in their water, please dilute it with a small amount of cordial/juice.

We ask this so we can do our best to ensure children are safe, feel comfortable and be as healthy as possible and we hope you will work with us to help us to achieve these aims.

Attendance

We have to follow strict guidance for schools to manage children's attendance. Please contact the school office before 9am if your child will not be in school on any given day. We legally have to contact you if we have not been given a reason for the absence so please help us and make contact with the school office. You can also leave a message on the answer phone if your call is before 8am.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your donations towards this event. It was a super assembly from Mrs Ketley's class and we were delighted that so many of you attended the coffee morning afterwards. We will inform you of how much was raised next week when money has been counted.

Save the Date!

- *Friday 4th October – Harvest Assembly with Mrs Butchers and Mrs Bones 'Foxes' class.
- Wednesday 9th October – Tempest photos.
- *Thursday 10th October - Phonics/Reading lesson visit for parents.
- *Thursday 10th October – Hello Yellow-wear yellow fundraiser for 'YoungMinds' charity. More details to follow.



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John 10:10



Secondary School Admissions

Parents of Year 6 children have until 31st October to apply for a secondary school place. You can apply for up to 3 schools, ranking them in order of preference. It's important to try and attend a school open day at your preferred schools with you child, to have a look around and to meet the staff and other pupils. Some of these events are held after school and some in school time. The link below will give you more information.

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/apply-secondary-school-place>

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

Our Achievers this week.

Well done!



eSafety

Continuing the internet safety theme for the start of term, please use the link below for information from the NSPCC for parents.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#children>



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'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donna Wilson
Head Teacher



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