



Dear Parents/Carers

The last few weeks have flown by and we find ourselves at the end of another busy half term.

Paignton Zoo

The Reception children had a lovely time visiting Paignton Zoo last Friday. They were lucky as they were able to see, the lions, cheetahs, zebras, gorillas, the rhino and a giraffe amongst many others. Jason, one of the zookeepers, showed them some interesting artefacts such as a lion skull, cheetah skull, a python skin and some orangutan hair. He told them that a giraffe's tongue is 50 cm long!

They had a lovely time but were very tired and a few of them fell asleep on the coach on the way home!



Number Day:

We have been informed how much the school collected for Number Day. £207.93 was raised for the NSPCC. Thank you!

Sporting

Tag Rugby Festival

The children showed excellent teamwork throughout the tag rugby festival on Wednesday this week, making sure everyone got the ball and had the opportunity to score a try. Brody was the top try scorer, scoring a hat trick in the first game and scoring most tries in every game. Genevieve and Joshua were brilliant leaders, reminding their team mates to line up when attacking and defending. Max and Ilimo showed impressive focus, perseverance and resilience in midfield. Lydia and Esmee were brilliant at tagging the opposition, enabling Mary Dean's to regain possession of the ball. Thank you to Mrs Barnes-Smiths for training the team. Mrs Baker and Mr Peters were proud of the respectful attitude the children showed towards other schools and the referees during the competition.



Free Orchestral Concerts

The University of Plymouth Orchestra would like to invite you to a double bill of FREE concerts taking place on Saturday 1st June at the Davy Main Hall on the University's city centre campus.

We will be performing music on a theme of Monsters and Magic.

There will be a relaxed performance with storytelling and interactive elements at 15:00, lasting about 45 minutes, with an opportunity at the end to talk to members of the orchestra and explore some of the instruments.

Everyone is welcome to join, to come and go as they please and the venue is completely accessible for buggies, wheelchairs, etc.

We'll be performing extracts from Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, How To Train Your Dragon and many more.

A second performance will be given at 19:30 in the same venue, performing a more full length programme.

In a nutshell:

Saturday 1st June - Davy Main Hall, University of Plymouth PL4 8AA.

15:00-15:45 and beyond- relaxed concert with storytelling.

19:30-21:30 formal, full-length concert.

Free tickets can be booked through The Arts Institute of the University of Plymouth- all details can be found on the two attached posters. (See attachments).

Our Achievers last week.

Well done!



Parking

Just a reminder that the school car park is open to staff and visitors to the school. Unfortunately, it is not big enough for parent parking, unless you hold a disability badge. Please ensure that this is displayed in your car. The bottom field also belongs to the school but is open to the children to use. Anyone attending football matches in this field needs to park off-site, and not in the school car park. Thank you.

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Maths workshops for Parents/Carers

'BAG OF NUMBER'

Confusing those bar models with those Venn diagrams?

Fractions frustrating you?

Baffled with the 'bus-stop' method?

If you would like to:

*Brush up on your maths knowledge and confidence in the areas of Number, Calculations, Fractions, Measures, Geometry, Money & Statistics

*Learn 'current' modern-day Maths terminology and vocabulary

*Explore the 'tools' and resources that children use in maths lessons

*Explore the range of calculation methods your children are using in school

*Learn real-life maths links and applications

*... and of course, how you can support your child at home?.....Please read-on...

Joining up with '**On Course South-West**', Mary Dean's would like to offer Parent / Carer workshops covering all aspects of your child's maths journey through primary school. As part of the Government's 'Multiply' project, we can offer weekly **FREE** sessions, entitled 'Bag of Number', led by Noel Mitchell, an experienced Primary school teacher, working for 'On Course South-West'.

There will be four of these 2 hourly **FREE** sessions. We have provisionally booked these sessions to take place in the Summer Term - Mornings - 8:45-11:00am from Wednesday 5th June - Wed 26th June.

Those who attend will receive a bag of maths goodies to support your children on their maths journey through school and lots of information to build your confidence to support your children with maths at home.

If you would be interested in taking part in these sessions, please let the school office know.

Thank you. Noel Mitchell

Class Assemblies:

10th June RS class

19th June MG/SBS class

28th June SK class

5th July SD class

These start at 8:50am or just after. Further details will follow from the class teacher.

Save the date:

*Strawberry fair in the church hall on 22nd June

Sports Days:

18th June KS1

20th June Foundation Stage

21st June KS2

All the above start at 1:30pm. If you wish to attend earlier to reserve your seat, you will need to access the bottom field through that gate on the lane. School gates will open just before the start time. The PTFA will be holding a raffle. Parents are asked to spectate from the sidelines, on chairs or to bring a picnic blanket.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term break!

Donna Wilson
Head Teacher

