



# Mary Dean's CE Primary School and Nursery



## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final newsletter of this school year. We have had a very busy year with joining the First Federation Trust, adopting new policies and adapting practices. We have also had a few staff changes over the year. However, we have celebrated many successes across the year and are proud of the children for their creative, sporting and academic achievements.

Thank you for completing and returning the surveys. We really value your comments and feedback as we are continually looking for ways to improve. I will present the findings from your responses next term.

## Y6 Leavers Events

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 6 children on their end of term assembly. They put on an amazing show and reduced a few of us to tears! They have enjoyed their end of year event, purchased from their enterprise week of money raising ideas. They have also had a very successful residential and learnt many new outdoor skills. We all hope they have a successful journey through secondary school and continue to shine in their own special way. Thank you to staff for supporting them through Mary Dean's, especially to those who gave their time and energy to join them on their residential this week; Mrs Butchers, Mrs Higginson, Mrs Barnes-Smith, Mrs Ketley, Mrs Costin and Miss Rice.



## Junior Field Gun at Armed Forces Day

The newly christened 'Mary Dean's Magic Team Field Gun Crew' took part in their first ever competitive event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June on Plymouth Hoe. There was a mix of new teams like ours and schools that had been running in the competition for years. The Mary Dean's crew gave a great account of themselves, posting great times across the board. The highlight being the second run (completed in 3 mins 55 secs), beating Goosewell Primary to the line in a thrilling sprint finish! Well done to all the children, with special thanks going to Mrs Higginson and Mrs Baker for helping out on the day and the families for their fantastic support.



## Term Dates

The start of the Autumn Term for children to return is

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**



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## Our Achievers last week.

Well done!



## Armed Forces Rowing Event

Children from military families took part in rowing challenges on Plymouth Hoe on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Afterwards, they went climbing, had a go at driving Formula 1 simulators, fired airsoft guns at targets, took part in field gun training and practised their cartwheels! Thank you to Mary Dean's PTFA for funding our gazebo for sports events. The children enjoyed eating their lunch inside it! Thank you, Mrs Baker for facilitating this event for our military children.



## Rivers of Hope

This term Year 3/4 have been working in collaboration with Plymouth University. For their fieldwork, they visited the river in the village to observe how it supports a varied environment. In addition to many cross curricular links, the children enjoyed an Art's Day where they investigated and made artwork from natural resources.



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## Disc Golf

Two teams of children from Mary Dean's took part in the Disc Golf event at Plympton Academy. The intent of the event was to engage new audiences, develop physical skills and increase motivation. Eli, Freddie, Esme and Pippa were with Mrs Baker competing as the Mary Dean's Meerkats. Joey, Lois, Alfie O and ALfie W were with Mr Peters competing as the Mary Dean's Marmots. All eight children showed determination and self-belief and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you, Mrs Baker and Mr Peters for escorting our children to this event.



## School Uniform

It is usually over the Summer holiday that we purchase any new items of uniform for the new school year. Please check the school website for further details regarding this.

<https://www.firstfederation.org/mary-deans-ce-primary-school/>

Children do not need to wear the logo sweatshirts/cardigans or polo shirts, but they do need to be wearing the correct colours and styles. Black shoes must be worn and not boots, please.

## P.E kit

This has been updated with a house colour T-shirt needed for all children from Year R to Year 6. Your class teacher can let you know what house your child is in, so the correct colour T-shirt is purchased.

P.E kit needs to come into school in a bag on Monday. We suggest in YR to Y2, it is kept in school for the entire half term, taken home for washing at the end of this time. In KS2, parents may wish to regularly wash kit, but it must then be returned to school each week. Trainers must be worn for outside P.E.

## KS1 Art Exhibition

The KS1 children have been learning about the monarchy this term. They have all produced a piece of art work, a self-portrait of themselves as Queen or King. Each child then displayed their portrait to the rest of the school, who visited the hall to look and judge, and place their vote in the ballot box. The top 3 pieces won an artistic prize. The top 12 portraits will be displayed in the hall.



As always, thank you for your support, and I wish you all a restful and happy holiday!

Donna Wilson  
Head Teacher

