



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we made it to the last day – most of us at least! Thank you to all those parents and carers who have been so considerate and ensured their children have been kept at home if they are unwell – it is appreciated by us all as we try to keep things as normal as possible with everyone in school.

Request from After School Club

The staff in after school club would be delighted to receive materials which would support arts and crafts. In particular, if you have the inner tubes from kitchen rolls or any cardboard boxes that you do not need, please send them in with your children so we can pass them on. Thank you.

Royal British Legion

Thank you to everyone who came to school in their own clothes today. All the donations will be sent on to the Royal British Legion.

After the half term break we will be further supporting the Legion by selling poppies in school as we approach remembrance time. Please watch out for further information.

Don't forget – we are still welcoming in your poppies. This week, we received the most beautiful item – shown below – which is now placed in our entrance hall. Many thanks to Mrs Williams for her creativity!



Cross Country

On Thursday, we were delighted to be able to take a team of children to the Plymouth Cross Country Competition.

The children were superb and did a great job of representing our school. We are very proud of them all.

Special mention goes to Katie for her commendable third place in the Year 5/6 race.



A school family, learning for life in all its fullness





PTFA Disco

As long as things stay the same and no further restrictions are in place, the wonderful PTFA are planning to put on a disco on **Thursday 4th November**.

KS1 and Reception – 5pm-6pm

KS2 – 6.15-7.15pm

Parents are reminded that the youngest children often find their first disco to be overwhelming, and we would recommend that a parent stays with their child if they feel this may be the case.



Permission slips will be emailed after the half term break and can be brought to the disco on the day.

Pumpkin Colouring Competition

Argyle Football Club have sent out a Pumpkin colouring sheet for a competition.

If you would like to take part, please click on the link below.

<https://www.marydeansprimaryschool.co.uk/newsletters>

Reading Corner

I Information for Parents and Carers

Oxford Owl is an award-winning website from Oxford University Press, created to support children's learning both at home and at school.

As parents and carers, we all want the very best for our children, but finding the right advice and resources can be challenging. What's more, the things children are expected to learn and the way they are taught them have probably changed a lot since you were at school, which can make navigating the education system tricky. That's why we created **Oxford Owl for Home**. Written specially for parents and carers by leading experts in education, it's here to help you be as well-informed as you can be, making sure you have everything you need to support your child on their journey through school. From learning to read, to tackling tricky maths, from the very first day at school, to the big move up to secondary, Oxford Owl provides all the important information you need, when you need it.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

I wish you all a lovely half term holiday and hope you all find some time to relax over the next week.

Thank you for all your help and support over the term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 1st November**.

Mrs T Jones

Head Teacher