



Mary Dean's CE Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow. July... that seems to have come out of nowhere!

Sports Week

Oh my goodness. What an incredible week we have had. Despite some dodgy weather delaying the KS1 sports day (now on Tuesday 5th), we have had a successful time.

Children have participated in a really wide range of activities from boot-camp to disc golf, from wheelchair basketball to table tennis, orienteering to bench ball, and everything in between. All week I have seen smiles and enjoyment. And what a great start to the day with the whole school wake and shake – thank you for joining in!

I am sure you will have heard things at home telling you about what the children have done

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Baker for engineering the whole week, and to all staff who went above and beyond to ensure all those activities happened. It only works when everyone pulls together.

We will take all the good bits from this year and see what we can do to make next year even more memorable.

School Meals

The cost of a school meal is due to rise in September to £2.40 per day. Please click [here](#) to read the letter. We are all acutely aware of the increasing cost of food in the supermarkets so this is not a surprise.

Don't forget, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for a free school meal due to their age.

Other children may be eligible for a free school meal. If you think you may be entitled, please visit the Plymouth City Council website using the link below for further information.

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals>

Don't forget, school receives additional funding for any child in receipt of free school meals, so please apply if you can.



Staff change

Next Friday will be the last day in school for Mrs Nicol-Spriggs. Many of you will have children who have spent time in the classes supported by her. Mrs Nicol-Spriggs is leaving us for an administrative role and we wish her the best of luck in her new appointment!

Race for Life



We had a wonderful event this afternoon with every class running a lap of the field in support of cancer research UK.

Thank you to everyone for taking part and an enormous thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations. Once we have a total, we will share it with everyone.

Thank you to Mrs Barnes-Smith for making this possible for us all.

Mufti Day

Don't forget, Monday 4th July is a mufti day on the theme of all things USA. All donations will go to Jeremiah's Journey in our final fund raise of the school year.

Disco

Finally, a massive thank you to the PTFA for the wonderful disco yesterday evening. The children's faces showed just how much they enjoyed being able to come to school for the event. One person even said, 'That's the best disco I've ever been to!' I look forward to more events!

Don't Forget
Half Marathon Final Mile
Sunday 3rd July
Gates open 10 am

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs T Jones
Head Teacher

**“OPTIMISM IS THE FAITH
THAT LEADS TO
ACHIEVEMENT. NOTHING
CAN BE DONE WITHOUT
HOPE AND CONFIDENCE.”**

HELEN KELLER



A school family, learning for life in all its fullness



