



Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to the new spring term! A whole new year lies ahead, full of possibilities. We intend to get off to a great start and make the most of it!

Thank you for sending the children back to school so well-prepared and smartly dressed. They are buzzing with the fun of the last few weeks and appear pleased to be here among their friends.

Ethos Group

The ethos group this term will be working on a design for the school cross on our worship display board. Mrs Ketley has asked for any donations of white, green and purple ribbons and buttons. Please would you send these into school if you have such things at home.

Sporting Achievement

Tuesday this week saw our Y5/6 girls and boys play a tough cup tie against Leigham Primary. With home field advantage, Mary Dean's were confident, but it was the visitors who had the better of the first half, enjoying much of the possession and having the better chances. Some resolute defending by Kayla, Alfie and Toby saw the team through to half time, in addition to some thrilling saves from David in goal.

After a goalless first half, the second period saw Leigham go ahead within minutes of the restart. Yet this was just the motivation Mary Dean's needed to get going. Seconds later, Oscar equalised and pretty soon the home side were up by three goals to one. Tommy firing home and Oscar running through to bag his second.

Facing a loss and exiting the competition, Leigham now had to go for it and once again Mary Dean's defence was tested. Cory and Dylan both put in heaps of work defending the right side and a tenacious display by Isabelle on the

left kept the visitors at bay until the final five minutes. Finally, the pressure told, and skilful Leigham grabbed a second, but the pace of the game had taken its toll. Latching on to a loose ball in midfield, Isabelle burst through and was only denied a goal by a last ditch tackle by the defender. But Oscar, who had been running up in support, was exactly where a striker should be. Slotting the ball home to complete his hat trick.

Mr. Maynard's team gave their brave opponents a rousing three cheers at the final whistle and now look forward to another exciting match in the next round.

Final Result: Mary Dean's 4 - 2 Leigham Primary
Well done, Mary Dean's!

(Commentary from Mr Peters, TA)

Reminder: Children moving from Nursery to Reception need to apply for their school place by 15th January 2024. Applications to school admissions are completed online.

Our Achievers last week.

Well done!



Thank you for your continued support.
Donna Wilson
Head Teacher

