



# Mary Dean's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week. Our bike track is well underway and the children can see visible progress on a daily basis. It is a very exciting venture and it has been good to see some of the children getting out and observing the construction – from behind the fence.



I am hoping the track will soon be completed and ready to use.

My only concern is that it is used properly outside school times and that it is treated with respect by all those who wish to enjoy it.

### Bringing water to school



All children should bring a water bottle to school. We know that drinking water regularly throughout the day is good for children – and adults! Plain water is encouraged for many reasons: some of which are shown

below.

**Adult humans are approximately 60% water and their blood is around 90% water.**

**Blood delivers oxygen throughout the body – so helps to keep you alert and learning.**

**It boosts performance during exercise.**

**It regulates body temperature.**

**The digestive system depends on water to work properly.**

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school. We discourage juice or squash as it can be bad for the children's teeth and, if spilt, it causes a sticky, hard to remove stain on the carpets. Thank you for your support in this.

 Office for National Statistics

**census 2021**

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The next census takes place on **Sunday 21 March 2021**.

Your answers to the census questions will help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services in your area, including transport, education and healthcare.

All households should have received information about how to access the census. For more information, please [click here](#).

### Lateral flow testing for households of children at school

Anyone who has sustained contact with school children will be eligible, including households of schoolchildren, members of support

bubbles, childcare and those in related occupations, to access lateral flow tests. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

### How will I get these tests?

Getting these test kits is easy and there are a number of ways you can obtain tests:

1. If you already test through your employer based testing programme you can continue to use that
2. Collect self-test kits for home use from a collection site; find your nearest site by visiting <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
3. Order a self-test kit online to be delivered to your home <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Tests are free, fast and easy to use and you can easily report test results online.

**Junior Bake Off** is looking for budding bakers aged between 9 and 15 with a connection to the Royal British Legion to take part in Series 7 of the show. The Channel 4 programme celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

Junior Bake Off has become a huge success since it launched on Channel 4 and the warm hearted nature of the show has made it a favourite with families and amateur bakers.

Filming would take place from July 2021.

### **Applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.**

For more info or to apply online, please go to [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

### **Fraser Road Parking**

As has been previously stated, many parents are using car parks intended for residents when they are dropping off or collecting their children.

I have been out and watched at the beginning of the day and have to say I am shocked at the lack of consideration shown by some drivers. There are cars parked in marked, residents' spaces, cars blocking each other and cars half on the kerb preventing people from walking safely on pathways.

I appreciate space is tight. Our school is in the midst of a densely populated area and thus there is little space for additional cars. There is never going to be an easy answer when so many people use a car to come to school.

Please, I implore you, think about others before you bring your car to school. Do you really need to drive? Could you possibly leave your car a little further away and walk the last part of the route to school? Could you walk all the way?

The congestion, turning and parking as it is at the moment at the beginning and end of the school day presents a hazard to the children and other pedestrians. It also causes nuisance to our neighbours and residents and must be a daily frustration for them.

### **Climb Mount Everest Challenge**



Harry and George have completed the Climb Everest Challenge –walking a total of 40 miles.

What an achievement! Well done to you both.

Have a lovely weekend.

I hope the dry weather continues and we can all get outside.

*Mrs J Jones*

Head Teacher

