



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week of classic British Spring weather! It seems we have had everything thrown at us this week!



Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in donations to support the people of Ukraine. We have been overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity. We have sent one full car load to the church and more items continue to arrive. Thank you to Mrs Costin, Katie and Cairon for all they are doing to help organise the donations and encourage support.



Easter Holiday Club

Argyle Community Trust is delighted to be working in partnership with Plymouth City Council Sports Development unit again by holding the fit and fed project during the Easter holidays from **Monday 11th April to Thursday 14th April & Tuesday 19th April to**

Friday 22nd April at Mary Deans Primary School, for children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals. The days will run from **9am until 3pm** and will consist of a variety of different sporting activities and will include some nutritional activities where the children will spend some time learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

For full information and booking details, please click [here](#)

Reading Corner

Congratulations to everyone who continues to read with their child at home.

We present certificates every week as children reach the milestone numbers -30 -60 - 100 – 150 and so on. This year, we are amazed at how many children (especially those in Reception) are exceeding these numbers. Today, I presented Evie with a certificate for reading **350** times since she started school in September. That's a phenomenal achievement.

Our children are often complimented on their reading ability. Much of this is down to the support that you provide at home, ensuring that your children read regularly.



Reading doesn't have to take long. Just 5 or 10 minutes is enough time for the younger children to sit and share a book or text with you. Find something they are interested in – perhaps a leaflet about a place to visit – and talk about the pictures and the writing.

Try to ask your child questions about what they are reading – how is the character feeling? What place is the text set in? What might happen next? It all adds in to their reading experience.



Mary Dean's Half Marathon

After a 'pandemic pause', we are looking to bring back the half marathon event this year.

For those of you who have not experienced the event, we offer every child entry into our school half marathon. Children sign up and then run 12 miles over the course of a number of weeks. Usually, we do this at lunchtime.

On a Sunday in early July, we come together and all the children (plus any adults who wish to run with them) run their final mile.

A letter will come out next week with full details of how to sign up and what happens next.

Can we beat the total of 136 children who ran the half marathon last time? I hope so!

Red Nose Day



Next Friday, 18th March, is Red Nose Day.

Children are welcome to come to school in anything red, in return for a donation to this incredible charity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Enjoy the rugby and try to stay dry!

Mrs Jones

Head Teacher

Star Performers

We have a talented footballer and a theatre performer this week.... Well done!

