



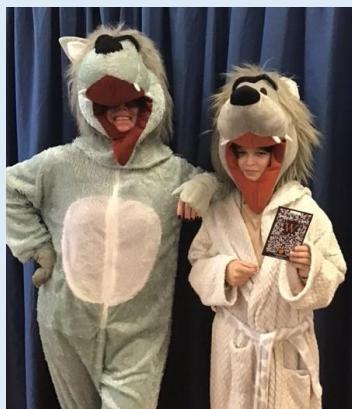
# Mary Dean's CE Primary School

**Dear Parents and  
Carers,**

What a super week! The children have made an excellent return to school after the break. They are clearly refreshed and ready to go again.

## World Book Day

This simply never disappoints. The children (and staff) entered fully into the spirit of the day and the costumes and outfits were incredible. As ever, I boggle at the ingenuity and imagination of all of you who put these ideas together!



It's not just the children having fun....

## Encouraging reading

There is super online – free – training available for parents to support them in helping their children become readers. Please follow the link below – it's well worth a watch.

[\*\*Raising a Reader - Top Tips for Parents\*\*](#)

## Class Photos

On Tuesday, Tempest will be in school to take class photographs. They will also catch up with those individuals who were absent from school on their last visit.

Year 6 will also have a Leavers' photo taken.

If you do not wish your child to be part of the class or leavers' photo, [please inform the school office.](#)

## Covid Update

As we all know, we are now at the stage where we are 'living with' the virus.

In school, this has meant the re-introduction of whole school assemblies (after an almost 2-year gap) and we look forward to inviting parents into school later in the term for both parents' evenings and Easter performances.

However, we have to remain vigilant and help everyone to stay well. If your child does test positive for the virus, please keep them at home for 5 days, or until they test negative.

Lateral flow tests are no longer routinely available, but can be obtained via the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

**Have a great weekend.**

*Mrs Jones*

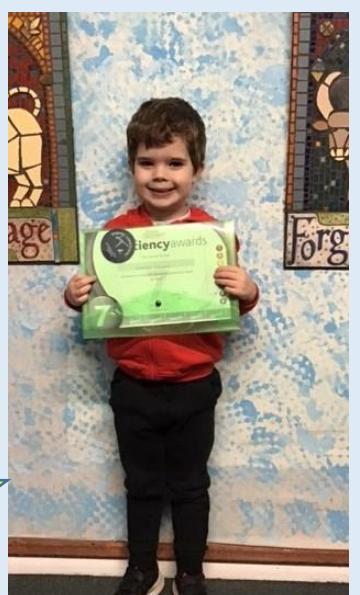


*A school family, learning for life in all its fullness*



## Sports Stars

This must be one of the best weeks so far...!





## Appeal for the people of Ukraine

We are all very conscious of the situation currently unfolding in Ukraine.

St Mary's Church are organising a collection of donations which can go to the people of Ukraine and urgently need our help.

They are seeking the following in particular:

<b>Blankets</b>	<b>Tinned food</b>
<b>Sleeping bags</b>	<b>Torches</b>
<b>Nappies</b>	<b>Medical and First Aid equipment</b>
<b>Baby food</b>	<b>Sanitary products</b>
<b>Toiletries</b>	

**All your donations are gratefully received and we are happy to collect them in school.**

**Thank you**