



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week – and a super weekend to look forward to – if you're following the football of course.

### **Fidget spinners and toys**

As is often the case, certain toys and items become very popular amongst children and they love to bring them to school. We have seen Pokemon cards, loom bands, Pogs and many other things come and go over time. Currently, the craze is for fidget spinners and toys. It is suggested that these items can help some children to concentrate. However, in school with many children having them, they are proving to be a huge distraction. Some children are swapping them with each other, often causing arguments and some children's desks are so crowded they do not have space for their books.

Only children who have a fidget toy provided by school should have them in the classroom. All others will be put away for the duration of the day. It would be appreciated if you would discourage your child from bringing any of these toys into school. Thank you.

### **New COVID Guidance**

The DfE have provided new guidance for schools for the final step out of lockdown which begins on 19<sup>th</sup> July. (link below)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/999689/Schools\\_guidance\\_Step\\_4\\_update\\_FINAL.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999689/Schools_guidance_Step_4_update_FINAL.pdf)

The document states that:

*At Step 4 we will no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles').*

*If your school is still open at Step 4, you may wish to continue with these measures until the end of your summer term.*

As such, we will continue with the groupings we have in school until the end of the current term. From September, we can expect to return more to what we see as 'normal'.

After the 19<sup>th</sup> July, we will be enabling the children to meet their new teacher and locate their new classroom. Further details will follow.

At this time of increased freedoms, it will be important to retain vigilance and ensure that we do not start the summer break with groups and families having to self-isolate due to an infection.

### **COVID 'Keepers'**

We have been discussing which things we have implemented since the first lockdown that we would like to keep going in school. These are the things we have agreed so far:

- Wearing school PE kit on PE days
- Lining up outside at the start of the day (Everyone at 8.30)
- Everyone washing their hands on arrival
- Keeping bags to a minimum
- Separate playtimes for the different year group teams

### **End of Year Reports**

Children will come home with their annual school report on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

*Have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs T Jones*

*Head Teacher*



Olivia has been awarded the Bronze Gymnastics Standard for vault and rebound



Zach has won an award for continuing with Gymnastics online.



Brodie walked 5,000 steps for charity.



Harrison has been presented with a team medal from Rugby.



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

