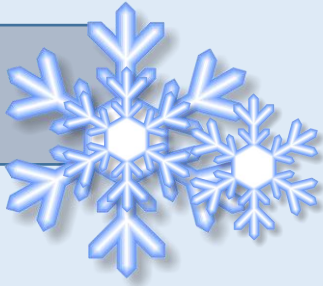




Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another busy week shoots past – with some lovely bright, cold weather!

Netball Opportunity

Plymouth Argyle are offering free netball coaching sessions to girls in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please click the link below to access the information via our website.

<https://www.marydeansprimaryschool.co.uk/newsletters>

Clubs in school

A reminder, Plymouth Argyle run after school clubs from 3.15-4.20 as shown below. If you would like letters, they are available from the school office, or available from the website. Thank you.

Tuesday: Football Years 3&4

Wednesday: Football Years 1&2

Thursday: Hockey Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Reception Applications

The deadline for applications for starting school in September 2022 is 15th January. If you haven't already completed the application, please follow the link below.

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/schooladmissions/applyschoolplace/applyinfantorprimaryreceptionorfoundationplace>

Engines off...

As many of you remember, we took part in Plymouth's Engines off for clean air campaign in the autumn term. I have noticed a number of cars leaving their engines on both before and after school. Please be considerate of both pedestrians and residents and turn off your engine whilst you are waiting. Thank you.



Reading.

We are giving out reading challenge certificates to lots of children. I am amazed at how many of our youngest children have read so many times, some in excess of 200 times! This is fantastic. Well done!



When should we read?

Share stories whenever you can find the time.

Reading for just ten minutes a day with your child makes a huge difference.

Take books with you so you always have a story to share. You can read on the train or bus, or even if you are waiting in a queue together.

- When you are outside, take time to notice what is going on around you. Make up stories about what you see with your child.
- Bedtime is the perfect time to read together.

It helps create a routine and can make going to bed something your child looks forward to. It is a special time for a parent and child to share.



A school family, learning for life in all its fullness



Date reminder

As previously advised, please be aware that school will be closed to pupils from Thursday 17th February – Monday 28th February for the mid-term break.

Dates for this year and next can be found on the school's website by following the link below.

Thank you

<https://www.marydeansprimaryschool.co.uk/terms-dates>

Flu Vaccinations

Don't forget, nasal flu vaccinations are available for all children, but you need to register your consent by 19th January.

Please follow the link below to give your consent. Thank you.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

Online Safety

Our children are growing up with mobile technology and devices simply as part of their lives.

However, it is vital they all understand the importance of seeking permission before taking or using an image of somebody.

There are many amusing apps and programs where images can be made to move or speak, but much as this can be funny, it is not always appropriate.

Difficulty can come when these images are shared, again, without permission and distress can also be caused.

As parents and school staff, we have the responsibility to ensure that our children only use their devices in the right way – not get sucked into inappropriate, and potentially risky behaviour.

Thank you for being vigilant.

Sports Stars!



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs T Jones

Head Teacher