



# Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Message from the Chair of Governors

*I would like to inform you that Mrs Jones, who has served this school for many years, has announced her intention to retire in July.*

*The Board of Governors will be recruiting a new Head Teacher in the new year, to take up post in September 2022.*

*In the meantime, Mrs Jones is very much in charge and continues to manage the school.*

Dr Mike Forster.

## Covid updates

We currently have 3 staff away with covid and 4 children.

Infection rates in Plymouth are currently some of the highest in the country so no doubt there will be more cases to come.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Wednesday, we will continue to keep visitors into school to a minimum in order to protect our school 'bubble' as much as we can.

The government's plan is very much to keep schools open so we must ensure we are doing all we can to protect staff and children from the virus to ensure we can carry on.

I really appreciate that you are taking extra steps to ensure your children are well and taking them for PCR tests if they show symptoms.

Many of you have returned to wearing masks on

site and I am also grateful for your consideration in doing this.

I sincerely hope these measures prove to be enough and all the events we have planned over Christmas with our families and loved ones will be able to go ahead.

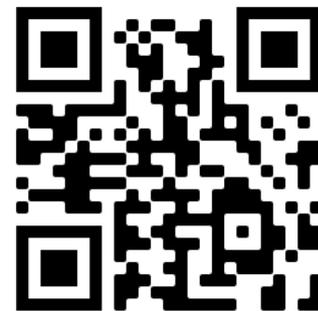
## Performances



Despite the disappointment of being unable to have everyone here in school, performances have gone ahead with children in Foundation and Key Stage One this week.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

The foundation video can be accessed on Youtube by using the QR code below.



## New Caretaker

Sadly, our fabulous Caretaker, Mr Price, is moving on to another position outside of school. We will be so sad to see him go at the end of term. We have recruited a new Caretaker, Mr Paul Rickard, who will be joining us in January. I am sure he will settle in quickly and soon become a familiar face around the school.



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



## Christmas Lunch

We had a super Christmas Lunch on Thursday. A huge 'Thank You' to Sharon and the ladies in the kitchen for the mammoth task of preparing and serving over 260 meals. Thank you also to the PTFA for supplying super crackers and all the staff who pitched in to help. Special mention to the Year 6 Monitors who took on an extra shift and made the whole of service so smooth!



## Sports Stars!



This has been another busy week and the excitement of Christmas is building to a crescendo. It is almost palpable around school!

Thank you for continuing to support us as we endeavour to keep all staff and children safe and well. We would really like to get everyone to the end of term.

I hope you all enjoy a good weekend and get some time to spend with friends and family.

*Mrs J Jones*

Head Teacher