



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you!

I am sending an enormous thank you to all parents and carers who are (somehow) managing to keep their children at home *and* support their learning. We appreciate how big a task this is and want you all to know that you are doing an amazing job.

We know that the online learning is full-on. The government has a very clear expectation about the amount of work that schools should be setting, but we all appreciate how hard it is to keep this going on a daily basis; especially when you too are working from home.

As ever, your child's teacher will stay in contact. Class Dojo is the main method of teacher to parent contact, so please make sure you check this regularly.

All children in Years 1-6 have a set of CGP workbooks that can be used to support their learning and progress. Various resources and websites can be found on our website's remote learning page
<https://www.marydeansprimaryschool.co.uk/home-and-remote-learning>

and even CBBC have some super programmes to support you.

If you need paper, an exercise book or simply advice, please contact your child's teacher or send a message via the office email:

office@marydeans.plymouth.sch.uk

Free School Meals

Children who qualify for free school meals and are currently based at home, are entitled to a food parcel from our suppliers, CaterEd.

I am sure many of you will have seen the terrible publicity in the press this week regarding food boxes being sent out to families in other parts of the country.

I can assure you that the parcels leaving us from CaterEd are entirely different. A photo below shows the usual contents of a standard box for a single child



for 5 lunches. You can see there are potatoes, cheese, ham, baked

beans, sweetcorn, wraps, tomatoes, cucumber, fruit, yogurt, milk and 6 eggs. Out of shot there is also a tin of tuna and a loaf of bread.

I am sure you will agree that these contents can entirely adequately support a child for their lunches over the course of the week.

Across the city, some parents have requested suggested recipes that can be made from this box – if you have an idea for a lunch dish that is easy to prepare from these ingredients, we would love you to send it in so we can share it with all our families. Thank you.

Thank you again for all you are doing and for all the messages of support being sent in to staff. They are much appreciated!

I wish you all a restful weekend – away from home learning!

Mrs J Jones

Head Teacher



A school family, learning for life in all its fullness

