



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

How lovely it is to see all the children back at school. There has been a welcome return to hubbub and busyness all across the school that has been a delight to witness.

Once again, thank you for all that you have done at home to ensure your child has had the best opportunities to stay abreast of their work. Now we can capitalise on this and ensure we get the children back into good learning habits as they re-join their friends.

I am sure it will take a little time to settle back into the school routine, but, so far, everyone has made a superb effort. I have been especially impressed by the children's conduct in their classrooms and the speed at which they have returned to the 'normal' routine of lessons.

Entry and Exit

As you know, we are still in lockdown and we are required to continue with measures to help everyone in school to stay as safe as possible.

To this end, please remember that the Fraser Road gate should be used only to **enter** the school grounds. **Exit** should be made via the Horsham Lane gate. This measure is designed to ease congestion at busy times and ensure we do not have too many people in one place at one time. We have sufficient entrances to our school to enable a one way system so we need to use them effectively. Your co-operation is appreciated. Thank you.

Belongings in school

Due to the same restrictions, we have repeatedly requested that children bring to school **only** the

items that are essential for their day. If at all avoidable, please try to ensure your child does not bring a bag or backpack. Children should have a wallet for their reading book and packed lunches and water bottles can easily be carried by hand if coats are worn. Classrooms are already tight for space and lots of large – and possibly unnecessary – bags makes a big reduction in the available space.

Full details on the measures we have in place can be seen in the letters on the website and in the risk assessment also available on the school's website. Thank you.



On **Friday 19th March**, we will be entering into the fun of Red Nose Day.

Children may come to school dressed up or in mufti clothes for a donation to the Red Nose Day cause. Red noses welcome!

Parking



Now all the children are back at school, please be reminded that residents' car parks and driveways should always be left clear. I am sure you will all appreciate how frustrating it is for residents who need to get out of their drive or car park only to find that a parent has blocked their access. This has been a particular issue around the Fraser Road gate, so please make sure you do your best to leave residents' areas clear. Please always remember to be considerate – even if you feel you



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won't be away from your car for very long. Thank you.

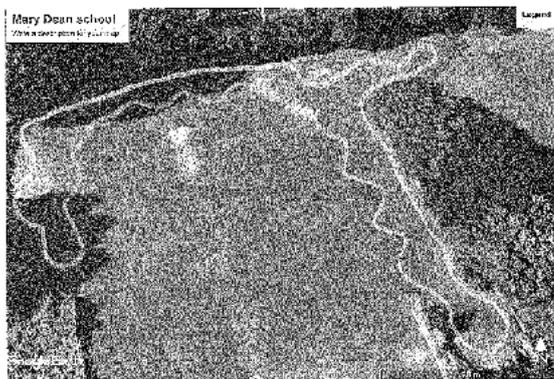
Please also be reminded that the school car park should not be used for drop off or collection parking unless by prior agreement with the school office. The gates to the car park are deliberately closed at arrival and collection times to ensure that children and adults can access and leave the school safely at these busy times. Thank you.

Exciting news!

All schools are allocated an amount of money each year which has to be spent on developing sport and PE.

Over the years we have brought in visitors and coaches for sports week and even had Olympic athletes visit our school. We have improved our equipment and part-funded events such as the Half Marathon.

This year, Miss Horwell is investing the bulk of the money in a cycle track. The track will go around the outer football field and be used during school time, but still be available out of school.

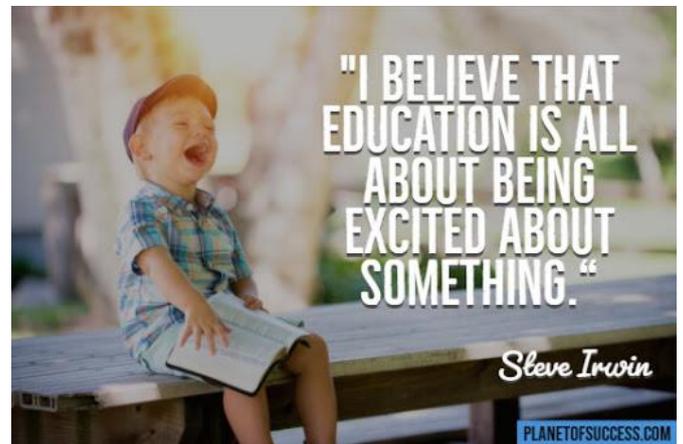


We also intend to purchase some bikes for the children to use in school and a store in which we can keep those bikes plus safely store bikes if the children wish to bring their own to school.

Our over-arching intention is to increase our children's opportunities for activities which will enhance their fitness and physical and mental well-being over a lengthy period of time and I am

sure you will agree that this is a most exciting venture.

Work is due to start on the track in the next week, so please watch out for signage which will be in place to help keep you and your children safe from the work being undertaken.



Achievers of the Week

Although we are not able to come together as a whole school at the moment, we still celebrate the children's achievements each week on a class by class basis. It gives us a super opportunity to celebrate how well the children are doing and is an event we all look forward to each week.

Pictures are uploaded to the Achievers page of the website each week – please take a look!

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs J Jones

Head Teacher

