



CELEBRATE:

- Our new Reception class joined us!
- Y1-6 visited church for a Harvest Festival
- Y6 delivered food hampers to some of our elderly neighbours
- Our PTA have elected a new board and continue to be active—with a disco due this week and plans for the rest of the year!
- There is an opportunity to elect a new parent governor



UPCOMING DATES

1st Nov First Day of Term

3rd Nov Open Evening for Reception 2022

9th Nov Parents Reading Info Evening

3rd Dec PTA Christmas Fair



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An Update from Mr. Westley

Dear Parents,

The first half term of the year has flown by! It has given us all a taste of 'normality' with so many of you having been able to come onto the playground and school for our Parents' Evening.

I am sure we all appreciate the opportunity to see more of each other and I know the staff were keen to get to see you all properly, rather than through screens, this term!

You will have seen my letter about our plans for Christmas this year and our hopes to get some performances to share with you directly...

One of the highlights of this term has been the opportunity for the children to all come together for assembly each morning. Celebration Assembly on a Friday has really given us the chance to share in the successes of the whole school community and we appreciate all the medals and trophies that are coming

in. These help to inspire many of the other children to become involved in different clubs and activities.

The Tea Party seems to be going well for our Stars of the Week as well!

Currently, the school hall is displaying some excellent homework completed from across the year groups, inspired by Black History Month. Thank you for your support with



this at home—we have learnt a huge amount and have so many more role models available to us all to draw inspiration from.

You will see elsewhere in the newsletter that we have our Open Day—for parents of the 2022 Reception class as soon as we are back at school, along with a Reading Information Evening for all parents. Mr. Bell and I will be talking about how we support reading in school and how you can help build on that at home. With reading being a crucial life skill, it will be good to see as many of you as possible. We will share the presentation on our website as well. Thank you.

Which just leaves for me to say Thank You for your continued support of school and wish you the very best for the week away from school—we are not in Friday, our last day is Thursday.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 1st November!**



Message from the Governors

Dear Parents,

Autumn term is always exciting working in education, meeting new students, welcoming new staff and building new relationships that will last for years to come. It is also exciting for all of the celebrations we share together. Planning for Harvest and Christmas performances are already well underway and I'm sure you're all excited, as I am, to see your young people exploring their drama skills. In my recent visit of DSJ I was thrilled to see how settled the all the students were con-

sidering how much they have missed in the last 18 months. The reception students I was particularly impressed with how settled they seemed in such a new environment. Students were engaged in their lessons, producing top quality work and following their routines like they hadn't missed a day. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who as ever are hardworking and flexible in this time when things are changing so quickly. During my visit I observed

staff that were clearly glad to be back in the classroom and teaching face to face yet prepared to adapt if needed. Well done, please keep up the great work!

Ben Plumridge

Chair of

Governors

Any issues; please tell us. Anything to celebrate; please tell:



After you tell us!





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Community Primary
School

*"Any help you
can give, will
make a big
difference to all
our children"*

News from Friends

Hello, we hope you and your families are all well.

Firstly I would like to mention that we have had some changes within the friends Team. Chair- Kirsty Pearce, Vice chair- Sam Davidson, Secretary- Natalie Smith and Treasurer – Kelly Eagers have now stepped down due to their children being within their final year of the school and other commitments. I hope you will join me in thanking them for everything they have done for the school, the children and the huge sums of money they have managed to raise. They will be greatly missed.

However on that note, I would like to introduce you to your new

Friends Team- Chair- Becky Barrett. Vice chair - Karli-Edmondson-Matthews, Secretary – Laura Boyne and Treasurer- Kylie Smith. We are all extremely excited about our new roles and have enjoyed being able to plan the Halloween disco and smarties challenge so far, so watch this space for more fundraising activities in the near future.

You may have noticed we have a new Friends logo- we hope you like it.

We have exciting news that

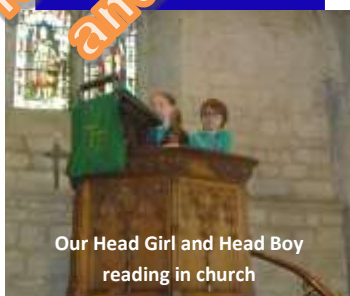
we will be having a Christmas event this year, which will run slightly differently to our usual Christmas event due to restrictions but it will be full of fun festivities for all the family which we cannot wait to get organising.

We are working closely with Mr Westley to identify our next big project within the school for 21/22 school year- so watch this space.

If you have any questions or want to get more involved you can contact us via dsjfriends@gmail.com, our Facebook page 'friends of Deeping St James Cp school' or Becky Barrett on 07871033189



*Please let your friends
and family know...*



Our Head Girl and Head Boy
reading in church



Deeping St James Community Primary School
Open Evening - Wednesday 3rd November 6pm

RECEPTION INTAKE 2022

Do you have a child that was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?
If so then your child is due to start school in September 2022.
If you live in The Deepings or the surrounding villages please take a look at our school.

We would like to invite you to our Open Evening as we welcome the opportunity to showcase our school and give you information about our excellent Reception class provision.

You will have an opportunity to meet some staff members, hear what Jimmy D's (our out of school club) can offer regarding before and after school care as well as visiting our Foundation Stage classroom and outside learning area.

We are also happy to give personal tours of the school if you are unable to attend our Open Evening.

Our aim as a school, is to develop children to be self-motivated, independent and enjoy a love of learning. We strive to achieve this through creating stimulating learning environments, both indoors and outdoors, and providing high quality teaching and care which closely matches children's individual needs.

In addition, our school offers a wide range of musical, sports and drama based opportunities and out of school clubs as extended provision.

If you require an appointment or further information about our school, please contact us on 01778 342314, or email us: enquiries@dsj.school

We look forward to seeing you. Our address is Hereward Way, Deeping St James, Peterborough, PE6 8PZ.

Richard Westley, Headteacher

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Inspire to Learn; Achieve Together

Deeping St James United Charities formed from a cluster of small local charities who amalgamated with a wish to help people in the local parish.

Every year, Deeping St James United Charities kindly donate a grant to our school to help us support families in need for educational items and services.

They also encourage families to contact them

directly for grants to cover non-educational items because they recognize that sometimes, when circumstances are difficult, we may need a little help.

In addition, they can also offer counselling sessions with Citizens Advice if you need some help or advice on a matter.

You can contact them on:

01778 344747 or at

Dsjunitedcharities@btconnect.com



Jimmy D's Out of School Club



Welcome

Welcome to all the new children who have joined us this term. We hope you will be very happy at Jimmy D's.

Staff are always available to speak to parents should you require any further information.

As you know Trish Midgley retired before the summer holidays and we are delighted to announce that Helen Wallis has been appointed the new Out of School Club Manager

October half term.

We do still have a few spaces available during the half term holiday.

Please ring 01778 382562 or Mobile 07762470865 and speak to Helen or one of her team.

Absence Key Stage 2 children.

As you will be aware children from Key Stage 1 will be collected from their classroom. However, children in Key Stage 2 come up to Jimmy D's having been dismissed from their classroom.

For Key stage 2 children please could you always inform us if your child is not attending their booked session.

Whether it is due to illness/school club/ going to a friend's etc. If we are not made aware of any alternative arrangements, you will receive a phone call from us informing you that having checked with their teacher that they are no longer on school premises

During term time we are open at 7.45am to the start of the school day (this includes a light breakfast of cereal or toast and a drink).

After school we open at 3.25pm – 6.00pm.

We do have some spaces available during term times, so if you are looking for child care before or after school please ring Helen or one of the team on the above numbers a or e-mail: jimmydsoffice@aol.com and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

We offer a variety of activities and crafts to suit all ages.

Best wishes.

Helen and her team.



Harvest Festival 2021



JIMMY D'S EARLY YEARS (PLAYGROUP)

Welcome back to the Autumn term in Playgroup!

We have been learning all about Autumn and Harvest, exploring different fruit and vegetables and looking at the changes in the world around us.

There is lots for us to look forward to exploring and learning about: including Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and of course, Christmas!

We still have spaces available. We offer 15 hours of funded childcare for all three and four years olds, and up to 30 hours of funded childcare for all eligible families. We take children from the age of two and half, and some two years olds are also eligible for 15 hours of funding.

Please contact Ann Needham Tel: 07762470865 for e-mail: jdearlyyears@yahoo.com for further information about how to acquire funding for your child.

Enjoy the Half Term

The Jimmy D's Playgroup



Safeguarding



Schools play an essential role in protecting children, as teachers and other education staff have a lot of contact with young people so are well placed to spot the signs of abuse and neglect.

Schools can help protect pupils by creating a safe environment through robust safeguarding practices, and ensuring all staff and volunteers don't pose a risk

to children. It's vital that they also teach children about staying safe, and make sure they feel confident to approach a member of staff if they have a worry or problem.

The School Run website offers more information on how we can all look out for the wellbeing of all our children: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/safeguarding-in-primary-schools>

If you are concerned about a child, our Designated Safe Guarding Leads are Mr Westley and Mrs Russell. Please do share ANY concerns with them directly.

We take part in Operation Encompass



"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."



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Let's talk about... Reading

Article from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/56211735>
Good news... watching telly could help your reading skills!

Studies have shown that watching your favourite TV show **with the subtitles** on might double your chance of becoming a good reader!

Reading Information Evening

Come and join us on **Tuesday 9th November**

We would like to invite parents to come into the school hall at 6pm on Tuesday 9th November to hear a short presentation on Reading. At this time Mr Bell and Mr Westley will speak to parents about how we teach reading in school and how this might be supported at home.

We will share details of a reading scheme with you all and how we are looking to further enhance our reading curriculum for the benefit of all our children.



www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk/
for ideas on what children in each year group may enjoy reading!



With many of you having to spend a lot more time at home recently, TV viewing levels have increased.

But a new campaign called "Turn On The Subtitles" suggests you can get more out of watching your favourite shows if you do just that - turn the subtitles on!

The study even suggested that children didn't notice they were absorbing the words of the subtitles, but were benefitting from them being on anyway.

The people behind the campaign found that in a year, children who watch around 11 hours of TV per week (which is about the average) with the subtitles on read the equivalent of:

all seven of the **Harry Potter books**

• AND all five of the Earthsea books

PLUS the three books in **Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy**

PLUS all seven of the **books in the Narnia saga**

PLUS all three of **The Lord of the Rings books**

A number of celebrities have backed this campaign, including former **Great British Bake Off** presenter **Sandi Toksvig**.

"I love the Turn On The Subtitles campaign. It's stunningly simple, free and yet so powerful!" she said.

In India, it has recently become a law that at least 50% of children's TV must have same-language subtitles on by the year 2025, as it is so helpful for literacy levels.

Reminders...

Absence and Illness

Please remember that a child's absence from school must be reported **before 9:30am** on **each day of absence**, for safeguarding purposes.

Please either ring school and leave a message on our dedicated absence line or register the absence on the school website.

Attendance and absence are monitored closely. If a child's attendance falls below 90% in any one term, this is reported, and we will write to you. Non-attendance has a negative impact on progress and attainment for any child.

Any child that is sick should be given **48 hours** before returning to school—to avoid spreading any illness.

No Nut Policy

Please remember, we operate a strict 'No Nut Policy' in school.

We do have children with severe allergies. We appreciate your support in checking the ingredients when making up your child's healthy lunchboxes and snacks.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition it is imperative that you notify school and advise us of any treatment that may be required. A healthcare plan can be written up, then monitored and updated accordingly.

Please keep us informed of any changes.



Smoking

Can we politely request that, in the interests of all our children, all parents and carers refrain from smoking during pick-up/drop off at school. Thank you.

Food Bank

Our school is a voucher holder for the Deeping's Food Bank and can allocate vouchers to parents who may need this support. Please do speak to the office for details.

Hot School Meals

Hot meals are ordered directly online by parents with Farm Kitchens. The cut off for orders is 3pm Tuesday for the following weeks meals.

Please remember to order during the holidays for when we come back to school!
The deadline for this is Tuesday 26th October!!!