



#### CELEBRATE:

- The PTA's Christmas Fair
- Reception trip to Stibbington for Nativity Day
- Visit from Peterborough Utd Y6
- Peter Borrow coming to school!
- Roman Day in Y3  
Egyptian Day in Y4  
Greek Day in Y5
- Christmas Productions



#### UPCOMING DATES

4th Jan	Back to School Term 3
8th / 9th Feb	Parents Evenings
11th Feb	Last day of term 3
21st Feb	First day of term 4
3rd Mar	World Book Day

**Any issues; please tell us.  
Anything to celebrate;  
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**After you tell us!**

# DST News

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DECEMBER 2021

## An Update from Mr. Westley

Dear Parents,

It has been a great term, with lots to celebrate!

Clearly, the last few weeks, in the run up to Christmas have dominated this term and it was wonderful to see the PTA Christmas Market return—in a revised format. The new committee (with help from the old!) did an incredible job of putting together an event that was enjoyed by all—raising over £1,300 in the process! Thank you to everyone involved and to you for your support.

On which note, it was fantastic to see so many of you for our Reception, Y1 and Y2 performances on the playground. The children (and staff!) did an incredible job coping with a late change to perform outside and really enjoyed the experience. As did our Key Stage 2 children with Mrs Young and the Music Team working miracles to get all the equipment and sound together

to perform to a live audience on the **last two Wednesday's of term.**

Again, it was wonderful to see so many of you there and I know all the children, especially our musicians, really appreciated the opportunity to perform to a live audience once again.



You may be aware that some of the proceeds from the Christmas Market were kindly donated by the PTA to provide every class in school with some money this term to help make the end of term as festive as possible. We are very grateful for

their, and your, generosity for the benefit of the children.

Whilst I am on thank you—it would be remiss of me not to publicly thank all school staff for making this term work so well. Many teachers have been faced with both live and remote classes at the same time and I appreciate how difficult that is for everyone involved—parents included.

Since we have been unable to welcome you all into school this term, we have included some photos from the last few weeks of term and **included a few more in the 'News' section of our website.**

Which just leaves for me to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 4th January 2022!



## Message from the Governors

Working in schools the Christmas period is truly my favourite. You can feel the excitement in the air radiating from the students, lessons take on a more festive feel and all of the events that are taking place make schools such an exciting place to be this time of year.

So even with all of the restrictions and risk assessing that the school staff have had to consider this year it is even more impressive the amount they have managed to achieve. Some highlights are the first reception outing to Stibbington to learn about the nativity, all of the outside perfor-

mances and 'gigs' for the parents and the history days where students learnt about the Romans, Greeks and Egyptians. We also celebrated a great turn out for the Christmas fair which was lovely to see so many families coming out and supporting the school.

From everyone on the governing board I would like to extend our thanks to the families for continuing to support us in what continues to be such a strange time for us as educators. We would love to have you in more in the future for as-

semblies, parents evenings and more.

Our thanks also goes out to the Teaching staff for continuing to do such an excellent job in making our school somewhere to be really proud of. I have visited several times this term to see happy faces all round and the school atmosphere is really made by the staff, so well done and thank you!

Merry Christmas

Ben Plumridge

# Music

We have enjoyed a wonderful term full of festive music ! Every child in the school has had an opportunity to perform their Christmas pieces, and we have been so proud of how everyone has risen to the challenge. Our peripatetic music team have enjoyed working in ensemble 'band' groupings with the children and have been very impressed with the standard of playing.

All the children have performed so well over the term and handled all the challenges thrown at them , including a performance outside in the rain with music blowing in the wind and numb fingers ! We are so impressed with the resilience and determination shown by all the children, they certainly are 'determined self improvers '.

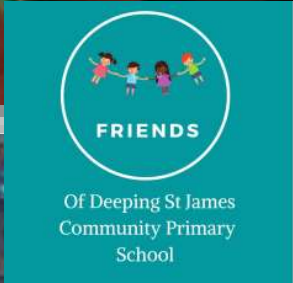
We look forward to another exciting term of music making in term 3, and look forward to watching the children develop new skills!



# History at DSJ!











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can give, will  
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difference to all  
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## News from Friends

We would like to say thank you everyone who came and supported our Christmas market. It was a magical afternoon and a great way to kick off the Christmas celebrations. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. A massive thank you from us as we managed to raise £1310.61 which is incredible.

All of this money will be used for our big school project this year of refurbishing the school library, along with Mr Bell.

The Children had a great time choosing gifts for their adults, we hope you enjoy them too. 143 gifts were purchased which is an amazing support

from you all.

The friends would like to add a massive Thank you to Mr Westly, as I'm sure you all agree, is doing a great job for our school and is so enthusiastic and supportive of The Friends.

If you would like to find out more about The Friends then please feel free to join our Facebook group- "Friends of Deeping St James CP school". We are always looking for people to join us, whether this be for all events or an odd occasion we really appreciate all the help we can get. The Friends

are a registered charity which raise money for the children within our school. All the money we raise is for our children at DSJ school.

We hope you all have a lovely festive Christmas, keep safe and see you in the new year

The Friends

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



'WHAT HAVE WE BEEN TALKING ABOUT!'  
THE MAIN THING WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IS **CHRISTMAS** JUMPER DAY!

Pupils brought in **£1** raising **£180**



The **money** we raise on **Christmas** Jumper Day will go, half to DSJ C.P School Council and half to Save the Children.

What is the money for?

- We really want to add **whiteboard** pens to the gazebo!!!
- We also would like to get more play equipment, e.g **space** **hoppers**.



Other Work

We have previously had a **Children In Need** Day. Sadly, both Year 4 School Council Representatives couldn't be there as they were off school

that day. But we did raise **£236.07**!!!!!! Thank you From Scarlett, Emma and Nancy (School Councillors)



# Jimmy D's Out of School Club



## JIMMY D'S OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

### (OOSC)

Tel: 01778 382562. Mobile: 07519708643

### Christmas Holidays

We are open on Monday 20th December until Thursday 23rd December.

We are then closed for the Christmas break and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January first day of Term 3.

During the Christmas holidays if you need to make any amendments to your bookings. Please contact Helen Wallis, Tel: 01778 32562 or Mobile: 07519708643. Thank you.

### New Starter

We would like to welcome Sharon Witham, who joined the Out of School Club team this week.

### Absences

Please could we remind all parents to inform us if your child will 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. After school we open at 3.25pm – 6.00pm. We do have some spaces available so if you are looking for childcare contact Ann Sellars E-mail: jimmydsoffice@aol.com to check availability.

### Office open hours

Please note that Jimmy D's office during term time will be open Monday's until Thursday's 8.45am—3.30pm and Friday mornings 9.00am—1.00pm..

During the holiday's the office is closed.

Happy Christmas & New Years

Helen and her team.

### JIMMY D'S EARLY YEARS (PLAYGROUP)

Mobile Number: 07762470865

Merry Christmas!

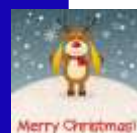
Playgroup have had lots of fun making lots of Christmas crafts and decorations. We are excited about our Christmas party on the last day of term.

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 Alison Bradshaw or Ann Needham on Tel: 07762470865 for further information about how to acquire funding for your child or e-mail: jdearlyyears@yahoo.com

**We hope you all have a magical Christmas.**

**Best wishes from Jimmy D's Playgroup team.**



## 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."**





  
**FRIENDS**  
Of Deeping St James  
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# With thanks to all who helped or attended our Christmas Market!



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](mailto:Dsjunitedcharities@btconnect.com)





## 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 Deepling'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! The deadline for this is Tuesday 28th December

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#### **Keep them fuller for longer**

Base the lunchbox on bread like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.



#### **Mix your slices**

If your child doesn't like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from one slice of white bread and one slice of wholemeal/bran bread.



#### **Freeze your bread**

Keep a small selection of bread in the freezer. Make lunchboxes more interesting by using different shapes, fillings, grates and herbs, and different types of bread, such as granary, wholemeal and rye-grain.



#### **DIY lunches**

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to put them together. Sharing foods are also fun and make a change from a sandwich each day.



#### **Less spread**

Get down on the spread used and try to avoid using mayonnaise in sandwiches.



#### **Cut back on fat**

Put a limit on your child's fillings, such as meat, cheese, butter, and oil.

If your child eats a Packed Lunch—please do take a few minutes to look at the suggestions from the NHS approved Change4Life.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>

They share some brilliant ideas on how to make lunches interesting AND healthy—setting up good habits for life.

Please do take a look...

# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!