



### CELEBRATE:

- Our Reception class were visited by the local fire service
- Our first sporting fixture—netball—has been arranged for the start of next term!
- Tutoring started for some children
- Little Wandle phonics is helping our younger children to make even more rapid progress in reading
- Albus is getting used to his new haircut!



### UPCOMING DATES

- 21/2** Start back at school
- 24/2** Y6 netball @Baston
- 3/3** World Book Day
- 7/3** Rec and Y6 School measurement visit
- 14/3** Y5 Young Engineers Rocket Workshop
- 18/3** Red Nose Day
- 21/3** **Friends' Mothers** Pamper Evening
- 24/3** **Friends' Mothers Day** Shop
- 28/3** Y3 Heights of Abraham Trip
- 31/3** **Friends Easter Egg Hunt** and Last Day of Term

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



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Your child's school

After you tell us!

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# DSJ News

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FEBRUARY 2022

## An Update from Mr. Westley

Dear Parents,

This term has proven to be a challenging one, throughout school.

Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 teams have done a fantastic job in introducing our Little Wandle phonics scheme. Whilst ensuring the children notice no difference in their provision. There has been much excitement around the new reading books and we hope this change helps to ensure every child is a reader by the end of Y2.

Clearly, we did not escape the clutches of the omicron variant this term, with up to half of our staff being off at one point. Thank you for your patience over this time, as well as to our staff, who did a magnificent job covering. It does not appear the children noticed much difference, beyond the excitement of seeing new grown up faces in their classes for a time!

**I'm sure we all hope the worst is way behind us now.**

On which point, you will see from my parent mail that we are, again, **returning to 'business as usual'** around school for the new term. With assembly being back and classes reorganised. We always keep the situation under review, but it



will be a welcome change for all.

As part of this, we are moving towards clubs being restarted for the children.

Our tutoring continues, by invita-

tion, and this will be rolled out to other year groups next term, following positive feedback from Y2 and Y6.

Again, we would like to thank our PTA for the support they have given with **today's Defibrillator Day.**

**Thanks to their efforts, Linden's Builders** kindly made a very generous donation towards the appeal and we are confident that we will be able to house the unit in school over the course of this next term now. Thank you for your support with this also.

Our Governing Body are due to meet at the start of next term. Should you wish anything raised for discussion—please do let a member know. Contact details are available from our website or the office.

Please enjoy a wonderful week!

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 21st February!



## Message from the Governors

The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank all staff for their additional hard work and commitment during recent weeks as DSJ have experienced higher levels of Covid outbreaks.

We know that our staff work incredibly hard all year round but this term they have worked even harder to support our school. For many, this has meant working additional hours, supporting more

students and classes and working harder to ensure the learning of our pupils has been affected as little as possible.

We are sure you will join us in thanking them and wishing them a relaxing and refreshing half term.

We would also like to thank all pupils and families for their understanding during what has

been a turbulent half term.

We hope you all have a happy and safe half term break.

*Thank you*



# News from Friends

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas market. You will be pleased to know that we have started planning our summer fair which will be held on Sunday 3rd July more details to follow but please save the date.

the look out for more support, please feel free to get in touch

I hope you all enjoy your half term break

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

We are pleased to be helping towards the schools defibrillator fundraising with our cake sale on Friday 11th February

The friends

If anyone is interested in joining the PTA we are always on



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

**LSCP**  
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

If you believe that a child or adult may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty let us know.

**NHS**  
Find healthier swaps for the whole family  
Lower sugar, yummy, healthy!  
Just scan, swipe, swap  
Now it's your turn to try!  
Better Health Let's do this  
Download the FREE NHS Food Scanner App

*“We can all do something to help improve our health and choices...”*



## 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.

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.

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

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

**Operation Encompass**  
Supporting children affected by domestic abuse  
"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."

# Jimmy D's Out of School Club



## JIMMY D'S OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

### (OOSC)

**Tel: 01778 382562. Mobile: 07519708643**



Welcome back after Christmas we have had a busy term.

### February half term

We are open from Monday 14th February until Friday 18th February 2022. 8.30am—5.30pm, daily.

Please phone either Tel 01778 382562 or Tel 07519708643 as the office will be shut.

### 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.

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](mailto:jdearlyyears@yahoo.com)

### 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. Please ring Tel: 01778 382562 if you need to contact Jimmy D's out of term time.



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

**Mobile Number: 07762470865**

In playgroup we have been reading the story supertato and doing lots of fun activities— developing our fine motor skills picking up from the frozen evil pea, freezing pea's in blocks to ice to see what happened, breaking the ice and much more

We have been focusing on firefighters, talking walks in our community to the local Priory church, the cross and looking for fire hydrants.

*If you are not already aware 'Jimmy D's Playgroup' has a Facebook page. Please take a look to see more of our fun experiences, and also like and share our page.*

*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. We are welcoming parents and children to come and have a look around.*

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)



# Y4 Drama

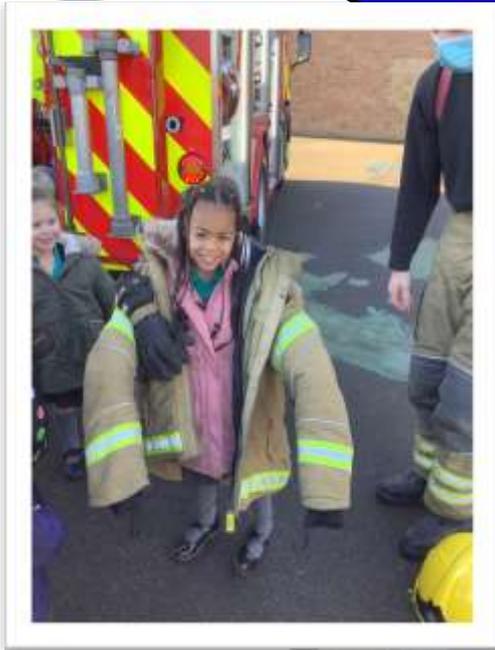


Rousseau inspired art





# Fire Service Visit to Reception



This term in Reception our topic has been Superheroes. We have been looking at some of the jobs people do in our community and thinking about the things we might like to do when we are older.

We have been outside to watch the dustbin lorry in action on the road outside school and have been really lucky to have visits from our PCSO and the fire fighters and their fire engine from the Market Deeping fire station.

We found out about the equipment on the fire engine, tried on some of the fire fighters uniform and even got to sit inside. We were so proud of how well the children behaved and the great questions they asked. We were all excited when they switched on the lights and sirens for us. In the afternoon we all drew pictures of the fire engine and we have sent them to the fire station to say thank you.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our visitors and the other community workers who have waved and tooted us as we have watched them working through the fence.

The Reception team



## Appeal for help:

Does anyone have an old sofa or armchair, that we could use for a school reading area for the children please? Any form of shelving would also be gratefully received—please let the school office, Mr Bell or Mr Westley know.

# THANK YOU!

### Little Wandle Phonics

Little Wandle phonics

From the start of this term, we have begun to deliver the Little Wandle Phonics scheme - to help ensure every child becomes a reader as soon as possible!

Please see their website to find out more and how you can help to support your child with their reading at home:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Please visit: [saferinternet.org.uk/](https://saferinternet.org.uk/)

To find out how you can support your child whilst they're online



[www.schoolreadinglincolnshire.co.uk/](http://www.schoolreadinglincolnshire.co.uk/)  
for ideas on what children in each year group may enjoy reading!



## 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 15th February