



### CELEBRATE:

- Football and cross country tournaments have begun!
- Y4 became Chocolate tasters!
- Mothers' Day!**
- World Book Day and Comic Relief
- Y5 Rocket Making!
- School Council organised our Comic Relief effort and have purchased a new **'Friendship Bench'**
- Our Defibrillator fund raising means it should be installed next term



### UPCOMING DATES

31/3	Last day of term 4
20/4	Back to school
26/4	Literacy festival in
w/c 9/5	SATs week
20/5	Y5 trip to Black Country Museum
w/c	Y5 Bikeability
25/5	Sports day
27/5	Last day of term 5
6/6	Back to school
8/6	School class group photos
10/6	EYFS garden party

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



# DSJ News

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MARCH 2022

## An Update from Mr. Westley

Dear Parents,

The spring has finally begun and with it the opportunity for the children to be out and about much more!

Thank you to all of you who have begun ferrying the children back and forth to the sporting events once again. We hope to be involved with as many of them as we can for the summer. I am meeting with fellow heads today and sporting events is one item on the agenda.

In these difficult financial times—we are even more grateful than ever for the support you have all shown for our fund raising efforts—both as a school and for the PTA. Our defibrillator is due to arrive for the start of next term. We will organise staff training for it then and let the whole school community know where it is located.

We have continued to improve the **'news Section' on our website** to try to share with you as much as possible about what is going on in



school. Please do check in. via the website, for photos and news.

I would like to draw your attention to the Parent Mail I sent before the end of term, inviting you to sign up to join Lincolnshire's resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 18th May 2022 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers.

Social media and the internet are wonderful, but bring a whole host of **'new' parental issues.** An increasing amount of the fallout from the online world is seeping into school and causes real angst for a lot of

children.

We teach the children about e-safety and really appreciate your support in helping our children make the most of the digital age, safely.

Finally, we have begun to display the QR code you see below on our Safeguarding literature around school.



Myself and Mrs Russell in the office are our Designated Safeguarding Leaders in school, with Jo Maddison our Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding. This code links to our schools Safeguarding Policy.

Please enjoy a wonderful Easter holiday!

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 20th April!



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to the PTA and for everyone who supported this afternoon's Easter Egg Hunt.

**Clarification:** I know there were some questions around Jimmy Ds children attending the Hunt. Every child has received their egg (if ordered). As this event was a parent supervised event, it was not possible to staff Jimmy Ds to an adequate level to ensure all children were safe for this event. Safety is clearly their no.1 consideration.

Thank you to those parents who did speak directly to Jimmy Ds, as requested, to make arrangements for the event.

Our friends at Jimmy Ds are hosting their own event next week.

We will look at this for next time, with our friends from the PTA and Jimmy Ds. Thank you for your understanding.

on your regards as well!

This morning school said Thank You and Goodbye to Mrs Bates—who is leaving us after some 27 years helping children in class and throughout school.

The children and colleagues passed on some gifts and our appreciation for all that she has given to school during her time with us.

She will still be around in jimmy Ds—so please do feel free to pass







Chocolate Tasting



Comic Relief



World Book Day





# Science Week



## Sports Ambassadors





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

## News from Friends

***We would like to thank everyone who attended our Mums night out, we had so much fun and raised £319.80 which is great. We have had so much positive feedback about this event so we will definitely hold another one so keep a look out for more info.***

***Our Easter egg hunt is planned for 31st April where the children enjoy searching for clues to gain their chosen Easter egg.***

***We have started organising our summer fayre which will be held on Sunday 3rd July- more details to follow.***

***Our other upcoming plans are for the revamp of the library and the buddy bench.***

***We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter***

***From All of the Friends***

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



## Eco Committee

This term we have continued to meet regularly with the club members focussing on our action plan to improve the school grounds and reduce waste in different ways.

We are thrilled to see that the bulbs, kindly donated by lots of parents, have grown beautifully and have really brightened up our front playground. Thank you so much.

The club also planned and shared a presentation in an assembly to ask the children to think carefully about reducing the wasted food at lunchtimes.

They shared a few tips to the children.....

*Make sure you are involved in making your menu choices (don't leave it all to your parents).*

*Think about how lucky we are to have this food every day.*

*Focus on eating your lunch and save most of your chattering until you are out to play.*

*Think about how hard the kitchen staff have worked to prepare our meals.*

In our last two meetings we looked at the area near to the Eco Club house both inside the environmental area and at the edge of the back playground. We have done a bit of tidying up and have started to meet in our fabulous clubhouse.

We now want to plant up the tubs and improve the way the tyres can be planted. For this we will need some additional compost. If lots of families could just spare half a bag of compost that would be a fantastic help to us. If you can, the compost bags can be left by the class 2 garden area and the Eco Club will take it to where it will be used.

Thank you.

Also, well done to our very hard working Eco Committee members, We are very proud of the way you continue to think of our school and the environment.

Have a great Easter holiday everyone.

Mrs Matthews and the Eco Committee.





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



### JIMMY D'S OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

#### (OOSC)

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

Easter Holiday

We are open:

Friday 1st

Monday 4th—Friday 8th

Mon 11th—Thursday 14th

Tuesday 19th 8:30—5:30

We are sorry to announce Vera James will be leaving us. We wish her all the best.

#### 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



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

**Mobile Number: 07762470865**

This term in jimmy Ds we will be exploring Spring, going on lots of walks, looking for signs of spring and hunting mini-beasts.

We will also be learning about how plants grown, measuring how tall our sunflowers and runner beans grow, counting seeds and flowers and, of course, tasting our lovely fruit and vegetables!

As we are hoping to grow lots of different fruits and vegetables, if anyone is able to donate any plants or a small plastic green house we would be very grateful.

***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.***



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# Science Week



## Y3 Heights of Abraham



This term Year 1 have been learning all about the artist Alma Thomas. Alma Thomas was an African American artist and the children have loved responding to her art work in different ways.



## School Council News

Newsletter.....

We have accomplished a lot so far.

For Christmas Jumper Day we raised.... £164 for 'Save the Children'

For Red Nose Day we raised.... £209

For the Cake Sale we raised.....£210 for the School Buddy Bench



## We Thank You

A very big thankyou to everyone who has helped us to raise money for the charities and the Buddy Bench for our School. It is really appreciated and helps us to be a better School Community.

## Red Nose Day

We successfully ran a joke competition and a drawing competition. Everyone put a joke in the jar and each class had a winner. The children had fun sharing their jokes in class and Assembly. Children had a template of a red nose design that they had to design. The winners of both competitions got the opportunity to go to Mr Wesley's afternoon tea party. They all thoroughly enjoyed it. Dressing up was also a big part of the experience. Mr Westley had a chance to release his inner child by dressing as Batman!



## Next Fundraiser

We hope to be selling Lollies like we did with the cake sale. This will raise money for our buddy bench and the badges that come with it. School Council want to help to make sure everyone has someone to play with at break as we all know how horrible this feels.

**From Scarlett and Eady (School Councillors)**





## 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!

## Online Safety

A Date with Dan – 18.05.2022 – Online Safety

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children and young people safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After a Lincolnshire Q and A event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for another opportunity to ask questions.

Join Lincolnshire's resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 18th May 2022 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this session. A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 18 May 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite

There are an increasing number of incidents surrounding the issue of e-safety, some of which have even involved the police. We would really like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend Dan's session so we can all support our children in, what can be, a confusing and tricky subject for us all.

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

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



**'Reading is the one ability, that once set in motion, has the ability to feed itself, grow exponentially and provide a basis from which possibilities are limitless.'** Michael Morpurgo

Y6 SATs week timetable is shown below.

In order that the children can do as well as possible, we will be encouraging them to get a good night's sleep ahead of each paper.

They've been working really hard and should feel confident that everyone is proud of their efforts.

Monday May 9th 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Paper 1: questions Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday May 10th 2022	Reading
Wednesday May 11th 2022	Maths: Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday May 12th 2022	Maths: Paper 3: reasoning



## 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.

**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.**



### 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 to school! The deadline for this is:

Tuesday 12 April 3pm

**smokefree gates**

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Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

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