



## CELEBRATE:

- A BRILLIANT start by our new Reception Class!
- Harvest festival in church
- Enhancements to our curriculum across school!
- Our successful Escape from Crow Castle
- Posh Assembly
- Sports clubs are flying!
- Y6 have some excellent appointees to school roles
- PTA Halloween Disco!

## UPCOMING DATES

31 AUG	BACK TO SCHOOL
1 NOV	Y3 TRIP TO FLAG FEN
	Y4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING
	OPEN EVENING 6PM
3 NOV	Y5 HILLTOP MEETING
8 NOV	AUTHOR VISIT
9 NOV	SCHOOL PHOTOS
13 NOV	JOULES SALE
15 NOV	PTA FILM NIGHT
21 NOV	WORLD CUP STARTS
24 NOV	STARSTRUCK + ROCK BAND CONCERT
2 DEC	PTA XMAS FAYRE
7 DEC	REC TRIP TO STIBBINGTON
8 DEC	XMAS JUMPER DAY
14 DEC	XMAS LUNCH
16 DEC	THE MAGIC MAN
16 DEC	LAST DAY OF TERM
4 JAN	BACK TO SCHOOL
17 JAN	Y2 TRIP TO PBOBO MUSEUM

# DSJ News



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JULY 2022

## An update from Mr. Westley

Whoosh! The first half term of the year has flown by already!

We began this term by considering our school ethos and values. We have amended our website to reflect this work and I welcome your opinion on anything we may need to consider including. Please see our website, or elsewhere to see what we have come up with.

I am really proud to say that we have moved up a gear in the sporting arena this year again, with more events coming online. Thank you for your help with transport and support so far, there are plenty more opportunities to come!

**We've reflected this by giving** over space in the newsletter each term to sport—with thanks to Mrs Doud.

You will also see details from Mr. Bell with regards to our **'Escape from Crow Castle'**

where the children applied their reading skills and teamwork—having a great time!

Y6 have got off to a flying start and appointments have been made to various positions of responsibility across school (see the photo display in the **school entrance**). **We've also** got some photos from their **'extra' PE session this term!**



Both Oakley and Hannah in y6 have won their Platinum Times Tables Award this term—

amongst a host of other achievements we have celebrated on each Friday afternoon.

It is lovely to see so many children bringing in awards they

have won outside of school. Please do keep sending them in—they help to inspire us all!



All of our children from Y3-Y6 took part in a Diversity and Inclusion workshop in October—which gave them lots of information on celebrating difference in school and beyond. You will have seen my parentmail about it.

With thanks to our PTA for organising the Halloween Disco once again this year, which the children have been buzzing about ever since!

Thank you to everyone who could attend, or donated to, our Harvest Festival this year. It was terrific for the children to be able to listen to Rev. Mark again—we have invited him into school as well...

*Please enjoy the half term holiday—we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 31st October for a busy Term 2!*



## Message from the Governors

*As we reach the end of the Academic year Governors are pleased to have seen so much tremendous work from all of our staff and pupils. This term it has been lovely to attend the sports day, our first one with spectators in a while(!), the summer fete and to see some of our pupils perform at the Rose and Sweet Pea Show which was a real treat!*

*There have been some changes to our Governing Body this year as we say goodbye to Joanna Maddison who leaves us at the end of term and Marcelle Russell whose term of office has finished. We thank you for*

*all of your hard work on the body. We warmly welcome Lauren Maddison who has joined us this term.*

*We have been updating the Governors section of the website so please do go and have a look at this to get to know a bit more about us.*

*We would also like to take the opportunity to wish all our year 6 pupils, and their families, all the best as they move onto their next steps in education. It has been a pleasure to watch you all learn and grow and we are very proud of you.*

*We also wish to extend a very warm welcome to all our new starters and*

*their families who join us in September, we look forward to getting to know you and see you progress through DSJ!*

*As a body we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr Westley who has now completed his first full academic year with us! We would particularly like to recognise his leadership during an extraordinary year as he has guided our school through the remainder of Covid and into what we hope is a more stable period.*

**Finally, we hope all our staff, pupils and families enjoy a well earned summer break!**



Reading Adventure Day!



Posh Visit!



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Y6 Hilltop



Drama



## Ethos and Values

Our Vision Statement at Deeping St James Community Primary School is:

**Inspire to Learn**

**Achieve Together**

*This statement was developed through consultation with staff, children, parents and governors.*



At Deeping St James we aim to ensure every child is encouraged and inspired to reach their full potential within a diverse, exciting and broad school curriculum.

Our four Learning Behaviours encourage our children to develop into:

- Resilient Risk Takers
- Determined Self-Improvers
- Co-operative Group Workers
- Persistent Problem Solvers

We believe that these skills, and the knowledge delivered by our curriculum and adults in school, best prepare all of our children for their futures. We believe that a safe, creative and stimulating environment is essential for learning, where knowledge and skills are applied and used in practical and real ways.

Our curriculum has been designed to help develop our Learning Behaviours and to inspire our children by sharing with them a wide range of opportunities. We want our curriculum to help *all* of our children find an area in which they excel and to nurture a life-long love of learning.

**We aspire to prepare our children to make a positive impact on the World by becoming confident, kind, respectful, resilient, *happy*, life-long learners!**

*Above all, we want our school to be one of the reasons our children smile...*



**Inspire to Learn; Achieve Together**



## 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 **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 25 October 3pm



We take part in Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass

Forces that might be involved are safeguarded.



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

## News from Friends



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

What a great start to the new year we have had. We have held our AGM meeting on 13th September with all of the core community members appointed to stay on for another year which is great! We have discussed all this years events and planning has already started for the Christmas fayre.

With the cost of living crisis we all find ourselves in, The Friends are very much aware of this and this years events will be very much planned with reflection of this. We hope you understand our discussions with cost backs whilst still providing our usual events throughout the year, however on a smaller, realistic scale due to the current crisis.

Our first event was the Halloween disco which was a huge success. We decide to opt for a suggested donation this time around to encourage all to attend, which we feel worked really well and we hope this helped. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and also to all of those who attended. There was some fabulous costumes on the night with lots of best dressed prizes won. We hope you all had as much fun as us.

Our next event planned is a movie night in November with more details to follow very soon.



As always if you are interested in finding out more of what The Friends do or are interested in joining us, Please feel free to come along to our next meeting being held at The Stage 730pm on Tuesday 27th October. We hope to see you there

Take care and enjoy your half term

The Friends x

If you have any questions or want to get more involved you can contact us via [dsjfriends@gmail.com](mailto:dsjfriends@gmail.com) ,



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

## JIMMY D'S OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB (OOSC)

**Mobile Number: 07519708643**

### October Half Term.

We are open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of half term from 8.30am to 5.30pm

We do still have some spaces available.

Please ring 01778 382562 or 07519708643 for enquiries.



### Absences.

Please could we remind all parents to inform us if your child will not be attending their booked session, whether it is due to illness/ school club/ going to a friends etc.

### Office open hours

Please note that the Jimmy D's office is open during term time from 8.45-3.30pm Monday to Thursday, and on Friday mornings from 9am to 1pm.

During the holidays the office is closed and we will not be able to respond to e mails. Please ring Tel: 01778 382562 or 07519708643 if you need to contact Jimmy D's during the half term holiday.

### Sickness.

As the weather is turning colder and bugs are out in force please can we remind you to keep your child at home until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness/ diarrhoea in cases of tummy bugs. For chicken pox please wait until the last spot has scabbed over before returning.



Happy Halloween!

## JIMMY D'S EARLY YEARS (PLAYGROUP)

**Mobile Number: 07762470865**

In playgroup we have been learning all about harvest and exploring different vegetables. We have been on sensory walks and found conkers, autumn leaves and we have even seen a squirrel!

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.

Please contact Alison Bradshaw by email at [jdearlyyears@yahoo.com](mailto:jdearlyyears@yahoo.com) for further information about how to acquire funding for your child.

Have a lovely half term break,

The Jimmy D's team.



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місіс Рассел. Будь ласка, поділіться з ними будь-  
якими проблемами безпосередньо.*





# Escape From Crow Castle



Deeping St James Community Primary School was delighted to welcome Subject Revolution on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October where a reading extravaganza took place in the style of an 'escape room'. The children had the daunting task of teaming up in order to escape the clutches of the evil Crow Queen! All of the classes participated (in slightly differing versions) and tremendous fun was had by all, from Y1 through to year 6.

The children all competed in groups of approximately 8 and had to show cooperative group work along with determination in order to complete challenges related to texts.



They had to decipher problems and ascertain the key words to include to add to

their maps so they could eventually escape the notorious Crow Castle!

Some fantastic texts were used, including Great Expectations, Skellig, Stormbreaker, Oliver twist and Machine Gunners among them. Each child got a chance to be a 'leader' in at least one activi-



ty. The children had an absolutely brilliant time and couldn't stop talking about the events throughout the day. Here are some pictures of the children in action:



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



[parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/)





*If you have family or friends who have a child due to start school in September 2023—please let them know about our Open Day. We are more than happy to give tours at other times if they are unable to make the 1st November.*

*Thank you!*

## Deeping St James Community Primary School Open Evening - Tuesday 1st November 6pm



### RECEPTION INTAKE 2023

[www.deeping-st-james.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.deeping-st-james.lincs.sch.uk)



Do you have a child that was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019?

If so then your child is due to start school in September 2023.

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, including Mr. Westley our Headteacher, 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](mailto:enquiries@dsj.school)

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

Richard Westley, Headteacher

## Inspire to Learn; Achieve Together



## Reception 2022







# DSJ SPORTS

SPORT is BACK! After a few disrupted years due to covid and restrictions I am very pleased to announce that sport is back in full at DSJ. After the retirement of Mrs Duffy, I have taken on the role of PE Subject Lead along with mathematics.

Throughout this year our focus as a school is going to be on competitive and inclusive sports alongside mental health and well-being for all. It is a known fact that forms of physical exercise are not just beneficial for our physical health but also our mental health. Through the medium of sport, we are aiming to support children through challenges that they may face and develop their resilience to deal with situations when things do not go as planned. We are also aiming to work towards the School Game Mark which is an award that recognises how well schools ensure pupils are healthy, happy, active.

As a school we want to foster a **'When the going gets tough, the tough get going!'** attitude which will then feed into all learning at DSJ supporting our ethos of **'Inspire to learn, Achieve together.'**



We have made an excellent start to the year with the following achievements already:

We have re-introduced the Daily Mile for all KS2 children daily, KS1 children at least 3 times a week and EYFS once a week.

We continue to do activate and activate times tables after assembly which is another form of physical exercise which helps us all to have healthy minds that are ready to learn.

**18 children in Y5/6 working through the 'Playground Leaders' course** – meaning that they will be qualified to run fun, inclusive sports games during lunchtimes. Congratulations to all of you who completed the course.

4 Bronze Young Ambassadors selected from Y6 – George Willis, Harry Jibb, Hannah Cradock & Annabel Shepherd. These pupils have attended a training session and will support me, as PE subject lead, to promote all aspects of sport in our school for all this year. They are all excited to take on this prestigious role and have many ideas on promoting sport for all by being excellent sporting role models this year.

14 children from KS2 competed at the Barnack Schools Challenge 2.5K run on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. It was a warm, sunny day and team DSJ were awesome, especially as they were running up inclines that we are not used to in Deeping! We had most runners from Y4 & Y5, with only 1 representative from Y6 and 1 from Y3. The children ran in separate boys and girls' races starting 5 minutes apart. Special mentions for our 1<sup>st</sup> three runners' home for DSJ on each team are:

Thomas Smith – position: 22, time: 13:34

Nathan Busby – position: 31, time: 14:00

George Donohoe – position: 35, time: 14:11

Isla Tate – position: 5, time: 13:39

Saskia Edmondson-Matthews – position: 32, time: 15:41

Lottie Flatters – position: 43, time: 16:17

Congratulations all who competed – DSJ are so proud of you.





Y5/6 Football Club and Y5/6 Netball club with Mr Westley and myself are now in full swing with cluster competitions already in the pipeline for next term.

The list of all available clubs has been posted on the Physical Education page of the school website – if you haven't already done so please go and check this page out.

Please also check the forms section of ParentMail as this is where all sport invitations and requests for a club place will be managed this year.

Looking forward to a year of sporting fun for all!

Sarah Doud P.E. Subject Lead



## Congratulations to all of our newly elected School Councillors!



### Joules Seconds / Samples and Returns Sale

**SUNDAY 13th November 2022**

**12.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Deeping St James Community Primary School**  
**Hereward Way, Deeping St James PE6 8PZ**

**Tickets £5.00 +Eventbrite booking fee**

**1 hour shopping slots throughout the afternoon**

**Children welcome 12.30 - 3.30 slot (adults only 12.00 - 1.15)**

**12.00 - 1.00 \* 1.15 - 2.15 \* 2.30 - 3.30**

Buy tickets via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/joules-seconds-samples-sale-deeping-st-james-community-primary-school-tickets-440826335427>

**Come and grab a bargain with items at a  
fraction of rrp. Limited tickets available!!**

*All money raised will be used to fund musical equipment for local children*



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As previously shared, the link below is to an NHS site, set up for Lincolnshire, detailing support services available for children and families who may need help on emotional wellbeing, from self-help information to local emotional wellbeing services and specialist mental health services.

<https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/home>

This is an area where research would suggest that children may be adversely affected by the difficult last few years we have all experienced, so may be of use to families.

Please do speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns about your own child.



Lincolnshire has a multi-agency group called the Lincolnshire Resettlement Partnership which is preparing to receive refugees into our area.

Although information is still emerging, LCC are maintaining an information web-page, for our communities to provide information and guidance on national schemes and sign-posting.

[Ukraine response – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Please do check out the website for information regarding schools or contact us directly.

## 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 prac-

tices, 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>



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Deepings Library run its Summer Reading Competition over the holidays and presented our children with medals and certificates for successfully completing the challenge!

They even all got their photo in the Stamford Mercury—with congratulations to all who took part!

