



CELEBRATE:

- Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert in church
- Beautiful Reception Nativity
- Y1 and Y2 performance in the hall for Christmas!
- Visit from World Champion Athlete Dai Greene
- Sports clubs are flying!
- PTA Christmas Fayre
- Forest Schools plans made...



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 16/12	PTA Magic Show Last day of term
Tuesday 27/12	Deadline for ordering School Meals
Wednesday 4/1	First day back to school
Friday 6/1	Learn to Ride Bikeability training Y1 and Y2
Tuesday 10/1	Y3 and Y5 Virtual Reality Day
Sunday 15/1	Forest School: groundforce Day!
Tuesday 17/1	Y2 trip to Peterborough Museum
Thursday 26/1	Y5 trip to Natural History Museum
Wednesday 8/2	Y5 and Y6 Young Voices at Sheffield

**Monday 13 to Friday
17 February**

Half Term Break

DSJ News

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DECEMBER 2022



A Very Merry Christmas from Mr. Westley!

As we approach the end of the calendar year—we have a huge amount to reflect back and celebrate from this term!

I am extremely grateful to school staff over this term for helping to ensure we deliver a vibrant, exciting curriculum for our children—whilst still giving them the opportunity to shine in other areas! Particularly **since we've been hard hit by illness...**

Thanks are also due to our wonderful PTA for organising and running our Christmas Fayre this term. My apologies for being laid low and not attending this year—sounds like it was another success!

Congratulations to Robin in Y5 who won his Platinum Times Tables Award this term—amongst a host of other achievements we have celebrated on each Friday after-

noon. It really is the best time, every week!



Mrs Young and Mrs Cross—with the help of Dean, Tom and Geoff—worked tirelessly to ensure School Rock Band was a real hit at the Stamford Corn Exchange! I know there are many younger, aspiring musicians who have seen or heard of the event and are working

towards this in the future.

It is wonderful that we've been able to see the return of these events now—the children adore them. Again, I am very grateful to colleagues for putting in the extra time to make these things happen for our children.

You'll see elsewhere about our sport from this term, the excellent start our School Council have made and their plans—along with exciting news from Mrs Seaton on plans for us delivering some Forest Schools curriculum for our children here at DSJ!

It has been wonderful to be able to see and welcome so many of you into school for our festive performances—the children were magnificent and really enjoyed the experience. A first time on stage for many—they were wonderful!

Which just leaves for me to wish you all, along with your family and friends, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Message from the Governors

This term has been a busy one as the school prepared for our Christmas performances and we are really proud of all of the children who attended and performed at the Priory Church service this term and we wanted to give a special thanks to all of the parents who attended to help!

We hope that all of our reception families have now settled into the school and that they are enjoying being a part of the DSJ community. We were very pleased to see all of the new parents and children

who came to visit for our open evening and we look forward to welcoming many of them in September.

Governors have been busy in school this term for our FGB meeting and to conduct a learning walk and monitoring visit. As always, it is lovely to see the children learning and hear about their experiences at school.

As we all look forward to the Christmas break, Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for their hard work and

dedication to our school and pupils and wish them a very happy and restful Christmas break.

We would also like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



PTA Christmas Fayre!



It's all on our website:
deeping-st-james.lincs.sch.uk



KS2 Christmas Performance





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 27 December 3pm



We take part in Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass



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 term we have had. I think its safe to say we are all in the festive spirit now.

This term we have been very mindful of the cost of living crisis we currently find ourselves in and with this in mind we opted for a low key Christmas fayre this year whilst still providing a great experience for the children. We hope you agree that although we have cut backs it was still a great event so much so that we managed to raise a massive £1,442.30! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

For Christmas The Friends have donated £100 for the KS1 and KS2 party for the children to be able to have a fun party together. We hope they all have some festive fun with their classes.

The Friends have also arranged for Jason Fenn The Magic Man to come into school on the last Friday of term for the children to all enjoy one of his fantastic shows. We will make sure to put some photos up on the website but hopefully the children will tell you all about it.

Lastly the Friends have also purchased gifts for each class to be able to use on rainy day play. For example year 3 asked for some colouring sets to use and year 4 a specific game they all wanted to play. It is through raising funds at our events we are able to provide these to the children so we really



do appreciate all the support you all give to The Friends.

From all of The Friends I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the Holidays and see you in 2023!

Becky x

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

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

Christmas Holiday:

We are open Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd December and Tuesday January 3rd 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 Christmas!



JIMMY D'S EARLY YEARS (PLAYGROUP)

Mobile Number: 07762470865

In playgroup we have been having a wonderful time making all sorts of lovely Christmassy things! We have loved dressing up and singing and dancing to Christmas songs.

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 jdear-lyears@yahoo.com for further information about how to acquire funding for your child.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Jimmy D's team.



*Якщо ви турбуєтеся про дитину, нашими
призначеними захисниками є містер Вестлі та
місіс Рассел. Будь ласка, поділіться з ними будь-
якими проблемами безпосередньо.*



The new School Council have been busy this term organising a number of successful events .

In November for Children in Need Day they ran a Treasure Hunt, a Superhero and villains Dressing up Parade and a great Cake Sale. With your help they raised £166 for Children In Need and £166 for School Council Projects.

In December they raised a further £133 for Save the Children with their Christmas Jumper Day. The School Council then took pictures of their classmates in a Photo booth style shoot, their favourite pictures have been included .

The School Council have had discussions with their classes about what school issues or improvements they want them to work on in the new year and we are now making plans for January .

Thankyou for all your support, Mrs Seaton and the School Council



Exciting Forest School News !

We are working hard at the moment to develop the environmental area in our school grounds so we can run a Forest School for all pupils at DSJ. We aim to have this area up and running as soon as we can make the area safe. We then hope to roll out Forest School opportunities across the school.



I am working hard to gain a Forest School Level 3 qualification for September which allows me to teach full Forest School Lessons that will include range of tools and fire making with the children too!!

So far myself and a team of budding helpers have cleared a large area of brambles around the pond so we can put in a fence. Once a fence is in we can start to develop the other areas of our Forest School.



Pond area before work



Thank you so much for the support we have already been given with time and the donation of resources from our wish list. We want to develop an outside art area, a mud kitchen, a balance/ exploration zone, fire safety zones, base camps, quiet areas with hammocks and much, much more.



November's
Groundforce
Team

We will be having a Groundforce Day on **Sunday 15th January from 10 am til 3pm.** We really need as much help as possible to clear areas eg brambles, move and clear wood . Make/build a mud kitchen and art area, putting up guttering on the outside classroom so we have a water supply. We want to make secret passages, cut back trees and generally tidy the area to make the area safe and most importantly fun . There are so many jobs so please let us know if you are able to help and any particular areas of expertise you may have. We aim to make the day family friendly, it would be good to get our children involved too. I will send more information in the new year but please save the date.

I have attached our wish list again so please keep bringing in donations .

If you have carpentry, building or tree surgery skills and are willing to give some time or If you can help but are not available on the Groundforce day please let me know.

Many Thanks
Mrs Seaton

Wish List

- *Tyres of any size
- *Pallets
- *Scaffolding boards
- *Tonne bags
- *Wooden planks
- *Metal pots and pans/ kitchen utensils
- *Fence paint
- *Chalkboard paint
- *Paintbrushes
- *Old wood
- *Parachute
- *Old tents/ pegs
- *Tarpaulin
- *Logs/ log slices
- *Guttering
- *Rope
- *Compost
- *Bark/ woodchip
- *Buckets
- *Gardening hand tools
- * Wheelbarrows small or large
- * Old sinks from kitchens
- * Railway sleepers





Science and STEM Club



Sports Ambassadors



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



parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/



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Y3 Flag Fen Visit



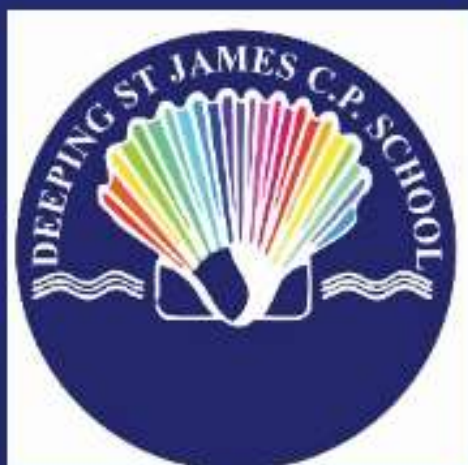
Ethos and Values

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





Well what an Action-Packed Term of Sport we have had at DSJ with some great achievements along the way.

Netball and Football club continued to run, Inspire+ ran a KS2 'invite only' para-sports club with Carl Blackman which went down a storm and our Y6 Sports Ambassadors delivered their first club Y3/4 Dodgeball; which proved to be very popular and successful – well done Hannah, Harry, Annabel & George I am sure Y1/2 will gain a great deal from the club that you are offering them next term.

We also selected 4 pupils from Y3/4 to access the 'Talented Athlete Programme' run by Inspire+ this term – well done to Ayda, James, Saskia and Thomas for completing this course; Chris from Inspire+ was very impressed with your dedication and commitment to this programme.

Now to hear from the Y6 Sports Ambassadors:

Tuesday 1st November saw teams from Y4 and Y5/6 attend the School Games Cross Country in Spalding. All the children that took part tried their hardest and ran their hearts out. DSJ came home with 6 medals; which included 1 team and 1 individual. Emmylou Preston Y4 brought one home for her 2nd place in the Y3/4 girls race – well done Emmylou, you were outstanding! Our Y5/6 girls team came home 2nd overall with a score of 63, impressive for a cross country team, bringing home the other 5 medals. The team was Annabel Shepherd, Imogen Nightingale, Liliana Winn, Isla Tate and Hannah Cradock.

Y5/6 boys came 5th in their race with 177 points with a sterling effort from Nathan Busby who got 7th place overall here. Y3/4 boys came 8th overall with a score of 180 and Y3/4 girls came 6th with a team score of 141. All of the children enjoyed it very much even though it was a really long way!

On Thursday 10th November our Y5/6 Netball teams represented DSJ; with our new team bibs, on we looked like we meant business! We played in our first tournament since covid, had a thoroughly enjoyable time and it was a great competition within the cluster of schools. We will look forward to more netball tournaments this year.

*Mid-November saw the start of the World Cup so along with Mrs Doud & Mr Bell (who both got covered in dust from the beams in the hall!) we all decorated our school hall with World Cup Flags for all countries, England bunting and images of the World Cup Trophy that all the teams would be competing for to **the best in the World! England's first game was on Monday 21st November with a kick-off at 1.00pm.** The whole school came together in the KS2 hall to watch the game; with Mrs D, Mrs P and Mrs H face painting 178 faces (plus then adults) we all had a great time and enjoyed it a lot watching England destroy Iran 6-2.*

The 22nd November a Y5/6 team were out again at the School Games Sportshall Athletics Round at Spalding. This event included both track and field events inside a Sportshall in which we were competing against other schools – some of which had many more pupils as they were larger schools. All of our team competed very well, did their best and enjoyed the day very much. At the end of the morning we were very proud to take home the third-place medals; especially as it was tough and we were against much bigger schools.

It was a team of five Y3/4 pupils that represented DSJ at a Boccia Festival on 23rd November. The pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable time and although no medals were awarded the team came 2nd in their group which they were all very proud of.

Monday 5th December was an exciting day for sport too as we were very lucky to introduce Dai Greene, a British 400m hurdler – who represented Great Britain in London 2012, into school to talk to us about his inspiring journey. Did you know that he actually wanted to be a footballer and Ryan Giggs was his idol as he is Welsh? He didn't find athletics until he moved away from home to a bigger city when he went to university. He trained 6 days a week for 6 years to get to the top of his game. It was great to see clips of his success, his gold medals and know that he needed to be resilient to achieve. It taught us to 'stick at things' and work hard, putting lots of effort in if we are to achieve our own goals.

After this assembly the whole school went outside donning the reindeer antlers and red noses for the Rudy Run. Mrs Doud organised for Christmas Songs to be played outside, whilst Mr Westley was dressed as Santa for all our reindeer to run, dance and prance to. Thank you very much for all the parents that sent in the St Barnabas envelopes with your donations – we were very grateful that you could support this at this time of year.

Thursday 8th December DSJ had another inspirational Olympian visit our school to share his story and inspire our pupils with sport. Joe Roebuck, who formed part of the 44-swim squad at London 2012 was also a hit with us all as he shared with us his sporting journey. We can all be successful if we believe in ourselves and get the support we need both from parents and our teachers.

Hannah Cradock, Harry Jibb, Annabel Shepherd & George Willis
(Y6 Ambassadors)

DSJ will finish this busy sporting term with Christmas parties – party games are a great, fun way to keep people active and support their physical and mental wellbeing.

Have a lovely festive break and we look forward to many more sporting/wellbeing events in the year ahead.

STEM Club

It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Club. This new, after-school club began with Y5 and is all about using your ideas for exciting projects!

First, we made slime. When you punched it, it was a solid, but when you picked it up, it was a liquid. Then we made a cardboard water dispenser where you opened the lid, the water came out because gravity pulled it down. When you tightened the lid, the air pressure did not push the water down.



After that, we made a thaumatrope. When you see one picture, your eyes remember it so it makes two pictures merge together! This is called the persistence of vision.

I think the club is great for people who love creating things and sharing ideas. This club is so much fun and amazing!

From Nancy and the STEM Club





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>

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

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.

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



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.

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/>



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For every child, the right to be supported and safeguarded.

