



CELEBRATE:

- **Young Voices '23** in Sheffield
- Y5 trip to the Natural History Museum
- Y4 trip to a Hindu temple
- Sports clubs are flying!
- **Girl's Football tournament**
- Y2 visit to Peterborough Museum
- EYFS and KS1 Reading Breakfast
- Forest Schools Ground force Day—thank you!

UPCOMING DATES

21 +22 FEB	PARENTS EVENINGS
23 FEB	NUTRITION WORKSHOP
23 MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY
3 MARCH	PTA DISCO
13-17 MAR	SCIENCE WEEK
14 MARCH	Y5 ROCKET BUILDING
15 MARCH	MOTHERS DAY SHOP
17 MARCH	RED NOSE DAY
17 MARCH	ENVIRONMENTAL DAY
31 MARCH	LAST DAY OF TERM
18 APRIL	BACK TO SCHOOL
26 APRIL	REC +Y6 HEIGHT + WEIGHT
27 APRIL	PTA FILM NIGHT

DSJ News



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FEBRUARY 2023

Forest School is Taking Root!



photos from the event elsewhere.

2023 has begun at a gallop and it seems amazing that we have already reached the end of the first term!

As always, there is loads to celebrate and reflect upon—with just as much to look forward to.

We launched our 5 Ways to Wellbeing this month. I am excited to say that the children are beginning to use positive language around their mental health, along with that of others, and we are reflecting on what we can for our Wellbeing each day.

Mrs Young took us back to Young Voices for this year—along with our friends from Baston and Langtoft. We are very

grateful to her, along with Mrs Hines, Mrs Duffy and



Mrs Doud who gave up their own time to ensure the children enjoyed an amazing experience in Sheffield! I know we had a lot of support at the event from parents—I've shared some

Whilst saying 'Thank you's' you may know that our Sports Ambassadors, under Mrs Doud's guidance, have been hosting a very popular apparatus club on a Tuesday morning this term. The children have really enjoyed and benefited from the active start to their day and Hannah, George, Annabel and Harry have plans for next term now—as well as their own display board.

Lastly, I must take the opportunity of again thanking everyone who contributed to the Ground Force Day to help clear our **Forest School area. We're starting** to put it to good use and I know Mrs Seaton has plans to start an after school club in the area. Watch parentmail for details!



Message from the Governors

Governors have been busy with their committee meetings this term. These meetings take place every long term to look at curriculum and standards and finance, personnel and premises; and to consider the ongoing

support we can give to the school.

In addition to this, Governors have been visiting the school to see the staff and pupils in their assemblies and attending the reading breakfast event. It was

great to see so many families attending this event and the

tips and suggestions given were really useful.

Governors would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work this term and wish all of our families a safe and restful half term break.

Please Remember: any of our governors can be contacted directly through the school office or via the school website.



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES.
SEE OPPORTUNITIES.
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence



The School Council have had discussions with their classes and discussed the projects they will focus on next half term.

We have launched a poster competition - 'What makes a good friend/ buddy?' . The winner will be photocopied and displayed all around the School. Closing date for entries are Wednesday 22nd February. We hope lots of children at DSJ get involved.

We will be setting up Buddy Training, these Buddies are available to play with children if they need support at Play times and have waited at the Buddy Bench. This will mean the Buddy bench is up and running fully. We will let children know how the Buddy Bench works after half term. The School Council are buying equipment to set up 'Buddy Bags' filled with equipment that will be used to support all our children to have happy playtimes.

The School Council have also talked to the School about using a search engine called 'Ecosia' which plants trees every three times it is used. They want children to use this to help stop deforestation.

We are beginning to plan Red Nose Day on 17th March, watch this space!

School Council and Mrs Seaton



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



In January a budding team of staff, parents, children and friends got to work making the Forest School Area safe for all of our children to use. It was a fun day and there was plenty of tree climbing and den building between the hard work! The volunteers managed to completely transform the area. The end result far exceeded anything I could have dreamt of. What a team-
THANKYOU!

The area had been unusable for a while, but now it has; a fenced and safe pond area, a mud kitchen, a Fire Area , a base camp, bug hotels and balance/obstacle zone with tyres etc.

Year 3 have been able to use the area for their recent PSHE work but after half term they will be the first class to do a six week block of Forest School with me as part of my qualification.

I will start to run some after school clubs for other children. We aim to give every child some time in the Forest School area over the coming terms.

Thankyou for all the donations we have received: tyres, pallets , saucepans, parachutes and shelters to name just a few.

The PTA have agreed to buy; shelters, hammocks, art equipment, tools, ropes and slack lines for the Forest School Sessions. Massive thankyou to you for supporting the PTA events so we can buy all the equipment

Inspire to Learn: Achieve Together



January Ground Force Day





Sport



Playground Leaders



Assembly



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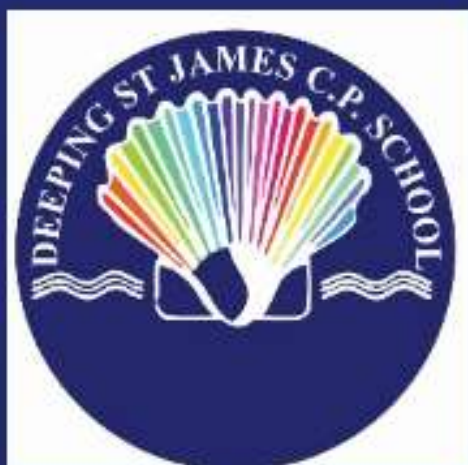
Ethos and Values

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...



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Sports Ambassadors



Inspiration from the world
of Science, Technology and Maths



Y4 Visit to Buddhist Temple



We take part in
Operation Encompass

**Operation
Encompass**

Supporting children affected by domestic abuse

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Y5 at the Natural History Museum



TOP TIPS TO ENCOURAGE READING FOR PLEASURE AT HOME

Model being a reader to your children, do your children see you read?

Remember reading doesn't have to be a novel, it can be newspapers, magazines, recipes, instruction, anything with words!

Encourage children to read everywhere, involve them in reading the recipe for dinner, shopping lists in the supermarket even the TV listings when choosing what to watch, shared reading times don't have to be snuggled up with a book – however lovely that is.

Use your voice to help bring books to life. You can work with your child to decide what voice characters should have and do the sound effects! It may feel a little silly to begin with, but your child will love to hear you involved in their story.



News from Friends

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

We hope you all had a lovely term. The Friends have been busy behind the scenes planning our yearly events for you all, which I am excited to share with you some of the upcoming events dates.

Firstly we will be having a "Friends Disco" being held on Friday 3rd March. We hope you can all save the date. Our discos are definitely a favourite for all the children,

More details will follow shortly...

We will also be providing a Mothers Day shop on 15th March for children to purchase items again more details will follow but for now its another save the date.

We have been working closely with Mrs Seaton with her project of the Forest School and I am happy to announce we have donated **£311.53** for essential equipment for the Forest school. We hope all of the children will enjoy this

great new addition to our school.

As always if you have any questions or are keen to be involved within the Friends but unsure where to start, I am always available for a chat on the playground or feel free to contact me dsjfriends@gmail.com

Have a lovely Half term

The friends x



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



parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/



Reading Breakfast



Y2 Trainee Nurses at P'boro Museum



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 14 Febraury 3pm



We take part in
Operation Encompass

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



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

Half term:

We are open Monday 13th to Thursday 16th February from 8.30am to 5.30pm

We do still have some spaces available. Please ring 01778 382562 or 07519708643 for enquiries rather than e mailing.

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:

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.

Safety:

Please can I ask again that when entering and leaving Jimmy D's the gate is shut properly for the safety of all the children. Thank you.



JIMMY D'S EARLY YEARS (PLAYGROUP)

Mobile Number: 07762470865

In playgroup we have been having a wonderful time learning about space, the planets, stars and moon.

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 dearlyyears@yahoo.com for further information about how to acquire funding for your child.



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



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.

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.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



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 wellbe-

ing of all our children: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/safeguarding-in-primary-schools>



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

www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk/

for ideas on what children in each year group may enjoy reading!



'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

