



DSJ News



UPCOMING DATES:

Tues 18/4 Term 5 starts

Thurs 20/4 Year 5 Anglo Saxons at the Library

Fri 21/4 Calamity Climate Show

Mon 24/4 Year 2 Friendship and Emotions workshop

Wed 26/4 Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measuring.

Thurs 27/4 World Daily Mile day

Thurs 27/4 PTA Film night

Thurs 4/5 Polling Station—School is OPEN

Fri 5/5 Kings Coronation Celebration Picnic

Tues 9 to Fri 11 May

Year 6 SATs week

Wed 17/5 Class group photos

Mon 22/5 Year 6 Diversity workshop

Tues 23/5 Year 4 trip to Cadbury's World

Tues 23/5 Year 6 Relationships and Sex Education Workshop

Wed 24/5 Sports Day – all morning

Thurs 25/5 Year 6 Thrive workshop

Fri 26/5 Last day of Term 5

Mon 5/6 Term 6 starts

Tues 6/6 Year 3 Egyptian day

Fri 9/6 Reception garden party



Message from the Governors

It's been another busy term for DSJ and Governors have been busy this term too with our Full Governing Body Meeting and a group Subject Leader Meeting. We use these meetings to catch up with the subject lead teachers in school to discuss the curriculum, how our pupils are learning and to ask questions of our

leaders to measure progress and areas of success and for development.

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



Lots to Celebrate!

As we reflect back on this term it is wonderful to see how well the children have responded to our 5 Ways to Wellbeing work! We have all been sharing how we **'connect' or 'take notice' of** what is going on around us and it has helped give us a common language to talk about how we are feeling at various times.

In a similar vein—the School of Kindness nominations have encouraged the children to recognise acts of kindness from across the school community and celebrate those everyday acts that mean so much to us **all. I'm really looking forward to seeing how this develops...**

Whilst sharing things to be proud of—the fact that we were able to take 50 children to

the annual cross country event towards the end of term was a



tribute to the children's enthusiasm to 'be active'. Every single one of them represented themselves and school superbly well and we are especially proud of our Y3/4 girls—with Emmylou, Saskia and Isobel coming in 1st,

2nd and 3rd in their race!

The only clean sweep in any race! Annabel got the silver in the Y5/6 **Girl's race. With thanks to all the** parents who helped with the walk and supported the team effort.

Mrs Seaton and I have been talking about how Forest School will evolve next term—to try to include even more of the children across school. Look out for club details for next term and requests for appropriate clothing to be sent in!

Please enjoy a lovely Easter break—we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 18 April!



STOP PRESS!

We have received confirmation from the event organisers that our Cross Country Team—of 50 children—achieved a first place finish overall in the recent Cross Country competition against six other schools!

Congratulations to the WHOLE team who contributed to this and to Mrs Doud and Mrs Glover for making it happen!



MARCH 2023



School Council This Term!

This term in the School Council we have done a lot of things to raise money including 'Dress for Joy' for Comic Relief. We raised £184.50.

We have organised a buddy poster competition and picked our winners and put their posters up around the school. We had lots of entries for the competition and only 10 people could be chosen.

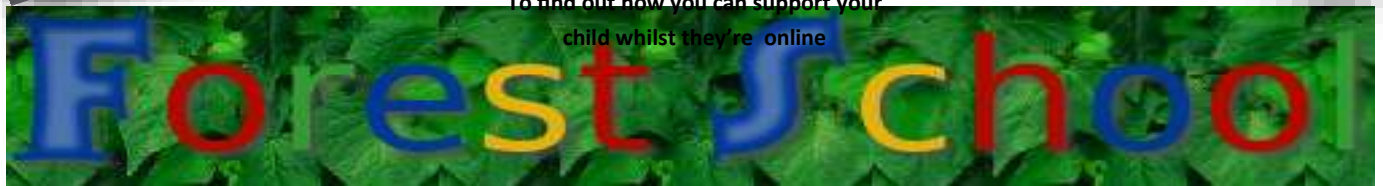
We are currently putting together Buddy Boxes for people on the buddy bench for them to enjoy at their play-time.

Nancy, Sofia and the School Council

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



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



The PTA have kindly funded equipment for the forest school so we are able to start teaching in the area. We have used money raised to buy ropes, shelters, hammocks, tools for whittling, blindfolds, clay, chalks and hammers. Thankyou for all the support with PTA events so we can buy all this wonderful equipment. The PTA are raising money to buy tools for the area and equipment so we can introduce fire making and cooking in the future.

The Forest School has been up and running with Year 3 in their curriculum time. During this term they have been able to make whittled gnomes, clay creatures, create blindfold trails, obstacle courses, make potions in the mud kitchen, bug hotels, shelter from the rain under shelters they made, carry casualties on stretchers they made, balance on slack lines and relax in hammocks to name but a few activities!

We have been able to also run an after School Forest School Club which has been keenly attended by 20 children across the school. They have been able to make the most of the opportunities that the area offers too with the support of Mrs Magness, Mrs Merrimen and Mrs Prentice who have kindly given their time to support the pupils with me.

We are pleased that all classes have had the opportunity to spend some time in the Forest School Area this term. The children have learnt to work in teams, solve challenges and learn more about the Forest Environment. The children have all shown resilience in the cold, wet and muddy conditions. There have been so many smiles and not a single moan!

We would love any donations of coats, wellies, walking shoes and waterproofs so all children can be dressed appropriately in the area.

We would also be grateful for donations of buckets, children's wheelbarrows, planks for our obstacle course, bricks, tiles and any old cooking utensils and pans.

Thank you for all your support

Mrs Seaton



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News from Friends

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



The Friends have been busy this term and first up was the disco. This is always popular and lots of children came and rocked the dance floor, waving their glow sticks for all to see. Then it was the Mother's Day shop – we hope the chocolate got home to you mums ok and you liked your selected present!

To close the term we had the Easter Hunt, thankfully the rain held off and everyone had great

fun finding their egg sticks and collecting their Easter egg prize.

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We wish you all a lovely Easter break and keep an eye out for any upcoming events next term – hopefully a film night will be on the cards.

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

The friends x

From The Friends.



Each class has been sharing a word from their learning over the term. These have gone into 'growing' our Word Tree in the hall—showing all the vocabulary we can now use!



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 11 April 3pm



We take part in
Operation Encompass

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Supporting children affected by domestic abuse

"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded"



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

Science Week

We've had a fabulous week with lots of extra science investigations going on across the whole school. From investigations based on the EYFS book 'The Queen's Knickers' to building rockets and parachutes. The children were learning about food chains and how living things are connected to each other and had a brilliant time, as did the teachers. We also swapped teachers and did much of our learning outside. The week included a special day in our environmental area where our visitor from 'Lincolnshire Outdoor Learning' led the children through a series of group challenges, making sure that they found the correct prey and avoided the 'grass snakes' when blindfolded to really appreciate our other senses. The children also found quite a range of different insects on their bug hunt. Many congratulations to the Super Scientists of the week; Mason Woods, Albert King, Chloe Allen, Jackson Boyne, Isaac Fay, Lilliana Winn and Archie Seston. Your teachers couldn't help spotting your passion and enthusiasm for science and your fabulous learning.

Our STEM club members were a great help selling a range of different science kits at the 'Science Gadget Shop' that we ran after school. It was really popular and lovely to see so many children taking home crystal growing kits, glowing stars or kits to discover gold and tiny dinosaurs.

Finally, well done to our 'Connections' poster competition winners; Grace Keymer (EYFS), Georgie Granger (Key Stage 1) and Archie Seston (Key Stage 2). It's always so good to see the children's creative side and enthusiasm to enter competitions.

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Anything to celebrate; please
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Parent View
After you tell us!

parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/

It may not be too late to apply!!!



Easter

HAF CAMPS

Our HAF Camps are the best place to entertain your kids over the Easter holidays. The children will participate in many Easter activities and enjoy music, cooking and nutritional education workshops.

FREE*

APRIL 2023

FOR CHILDREN 5-16 YEARS OLD

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

GRANTHAM - SPALDING - STAMFORD - THE DEEPINGS

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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

Easter holidays:

We are open Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April from 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Tuesday 11th April and Wednesday 12th April from 8.30am to 4.30pm



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 Easter 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 reading and learning about traditional tales.

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 some spaces available, especially for September 2023.. 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 for further information about how to acquire funding for your child.



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Cheerleaders!



Sports Ambassadors' Kindness Assembly

It's all on our website:

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Lacrosse



Golf



PGL Visit

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.



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.

<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 wellbeing

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

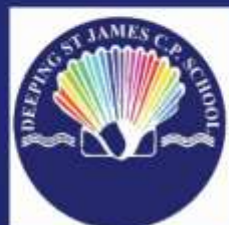
Ethos and Values

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

