Deanery Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy and enjoyable week once again, with children fully immersed in their learning. After a long first half term and lots of learning, we are sure that the children are looking forward to their half term break!

We will be holding our autumn parents' evenings on Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October and are delighted that these evenings will revert to face-to-face meetings. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to look at your child's work and discuss their progress. We are certain that you will be amazed at their wonderful learning!

Over parent's evenings, we would also invite you to visit our book fair supported by our PTFA and art gallery in KS1 hall where will be showcasing our children's amazing art work. (please see below for more details)

We are really excited to be bringing back enrichment to our curriculum after half term. We will begin with KS2 but all children across the whole school from Reception to Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in a range of enrichment opportunities that span the breadth of **the curriculum, taking into account children's interest and skills.** Children will choose which activities they would like to try to learn new skills and build upon current interests. The range is vast, encompassing everything from journalism to photography, film making to sewing and drama to cooking. Enrichment sessions are taught by teachers with a passion for the subject from across the school. Through enrichment comes the confidence borne of trying something new, of broadened experiences and of a wider set of friendships. Enrichment encourages teamwork, competition and resilience, as well as developing leadership.



Have a relaxing weekend and a wonderful half term break.

Thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life, which we really appreciate.

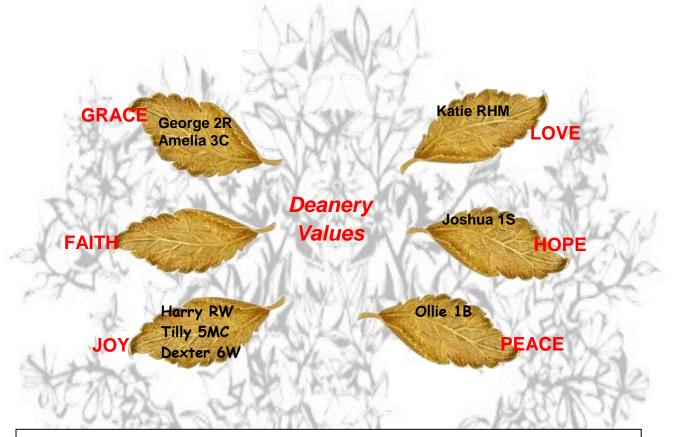
Our best wishes to everyone.

Miss Morris and Mrs Cullen

Deputy Head Teachers







Pupil Voice

We have been learning about the qualities of a good friend in Reception. Here are some of the ideas children came up with:

Aurelia RW - "They cuddle you"

Thomas RHM - "My brother is a good friend and always plays Switch with me."

Thyago 1B – "I like going on the playground because the trees are different colours and they are falling on the floor."

Jacob 1S - "In junk modelling I made a ship and I was very proud."

Esme 2R – "I enjoyed talking about emotions. We discussed that you can't always tell how a person is feeling by looking at their face. They might feel happy inside, but not be smiling."

William 2R - "I liked cutting the coloured paper to make my picture like Matisse."

Tobias 3C – "I enjoy learning Spanish as we have learnt lots of new words."

Joey 6W – "This week in Science we have found out about what creatures were like in the past. Palaeontologists dig up all kinds of fossils. We drew a timeline from when the earliest creatures existed to today."

Harvest Thank You

Thank you so much for the very generous donations of food that the school community gave for the harvest appeal for Erdington foodbank. The people who came to collect the donations were extremely grateful and went away with three car loads of food. They mentioned that they are struggling to meet demand with donations down 70% at the moment, so this food will make a real difference for them and will greatly help vulnerable people in our city. Our thanks are extended to St Johns Walmley for their very warm welcome and for leading our harvest services. Many thanks also to those parents who accompanied us to church.

You may or may not know that we collect for the food bank all year round. This was something that the children on the worship council introduced back in early 2019 to support our local community. If you would like to donate food at any time, please send it into school with your child. Class teachers will ensure that it gets to the collection point within school by the reception desk. If you are able, perhaps you would like to add something to your weekly shopping for the foodbank. There are some ideas of what would be helpful on the shopping

list. Erdington foodbank also has a website where is publishes items that they are particularly short of at any given time. https://erdington.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/urgently-needed/



The Erdington Foodbank also sent a personal "Thank You" -

House Captains

Congratulations to our Y6 House Captains who have been voted for by their peers to represent the school houses. #democracyatwork



Thank You



A huge thank you to our parents who came up trumps with many kind offers of help to help us transport this to school! & We're hoping to have it secured in place soon so that the children can enjoy using it as a quiet reading space.



School Photographs

Individual and sibling photograph proofs were sent home yesterday with your child. The sibling photograph proof has been sent home with the youngest sibling.

Photographs are only available to purchase online via www.tempestorders.co.uk, with free delivery back to school or home delivery at a cost.

Parent Consultations

We are delighted to be offering face-to-face parent consultations again this academic year by appointment only. Parents consultations appointments are taking place in school on:

Wednesday 19th October 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 20th October 5pm – 8pm

Reception Intake - September 2023

We will be holding open sessions for parents of children eligible to start Reception in September 2023. These will be held on:

17th October 2022 starting at 9.30am 18th October 2022 starting at 9.30am

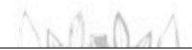
Please call the school office on 0121 351 6441 to book a place.

In October 2022, the local authority will write to parents /carers of children who are on roll at a community or private nursery advising them of how to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2023. To view a copy of the Parents' Information Booklet online, follow this link

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_rece_ption_primary_school

Year 6 Secondary School Admission September 2023

You should have been contacted by Birmingham City Council by now, however, a reminder that the closing date for Secondary School Admission for 2023 is 31st October 2022. Please follow the link below for more information. https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1



Birthday Treats

As we are a healthy school, and due to health and safety regarding allergies, we ask that you do not send in sweets, cakes or any other confectionery to share for a birthday. If you do wish to mark your child's birthday, we invite you to donate a book to the class instead, which can be shared with all of the children.

Book Fair

Book Fair on Friday 14th October - Thursday 20th October 3.30-4pm KS1 Hall

We are excited to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. There are over 200 titles to choose from, and with prices starting from £2.99, there is sure to be a book for everyone.

Please have a look at the attached leaflet to see some of the exciting titles on sale. Don't forget that every book purchased can help to get free books for our school library. Payment can be made by cash or card.

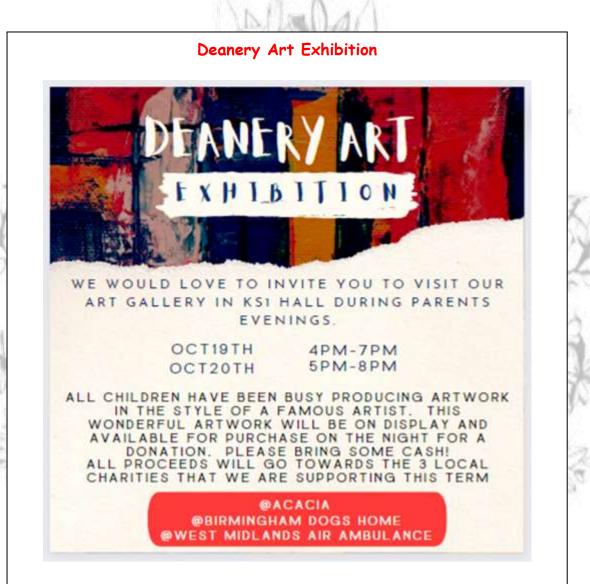
We look forward to seeing you at the book fair!



Second-hand Uniform

The PTFA have a range of second-hand uniform available to purchase. Details can be found at the attached link <u>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057337754414</u>

The PTFA are also looking for donations of Deanery second hand uniform please. They need any good quality, sellable Deanery school uniform items with the logo on. Please contact the PTFA via their Facebook page or email ptfa.deanery@gmail.com to arrange to drop off your donations.



The children's artwork will be displayed in their houses – Fox (yellow), Hollies (green), Burgess (red), and Tudor (blue) - please make sure you know which house your child is in to make your life easier!

You are welcome to purchase your child's artwork on the night for a donation of your choice (suggested minimum donation of £1).

In true art gallery style, you will be asked to show your intention to buy by placing a sticker on your child's artwork and it will then be given to you at the end of the art gallery.





Parent Readers is BACK!!!

Deanery needs you!!



Could you give up an hour a week to support a reading group in school?

Parent readers will run 2:15pm-3:00pm on Thursday afternoons from

Thurs 3rd November and be concluded by tea, coffee and biscuits!

(could the lure of a biscuit persuade you?!).

These forty-five minute sessions will involve reading with two/three children from different year groups.

They are fantastic fun and enjoyable and the children really benefit from getting one to one attention when reading.

Parents who have previously attended have all expressed how rewarding it is and as teachers we see the benefits in enthusiasm and quality derived from the reading by the children.

If you are interested, or would just like to come along to a 'taster session' please complete the slip below and return it to school by Thursday 20th October

There is no obligation to commit to all of the sessions, any support you can offer is gratefully received!

PARENT READING GROUPS

Name of child			_ Class	
Name of parent helper_			_	
Dates available (please circle) -:				
Thurs 3 rd Nov	Thurs 10 th Nov	Thurs 17 th Nov		Thurs 24 th Nov
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School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. <u>Birmingham Community</u> <u>Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here</u>

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION BELOW FOR LOCAL ACTIVITIES

DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES



TUESDAYS @ 5.45-7.15PM

WHAT IS ROAR?

Roar Youth is our boys after school group where we explore topics including confidence, friendships, life skills,strengths and a place where you can be yourself.

First Session: 8th November

SUTTON METHODIST Church Hall B72 1qy



TO REGISTER: ROAR_BOYS@ROARUK.ORG



WELCOMING NEW BEGINNERS TO

DEANERY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

14 Fox Hollies Rd, Walmley Sutton Coldfield. B76 2RD MONDAY 5.30 - 6.25PM WEDNESDAY 5.30 - 6.25PM

THE SANCTUARY

Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale. B35 7PX

FRIDAY 5.30 - 6.25PM

To register text: child name / class location

t: 07730 899722

e: info@kombatkids.com

w: www.kombatkids.com f: www.facebook.com/kombatkids





