

# NEWSLETTER

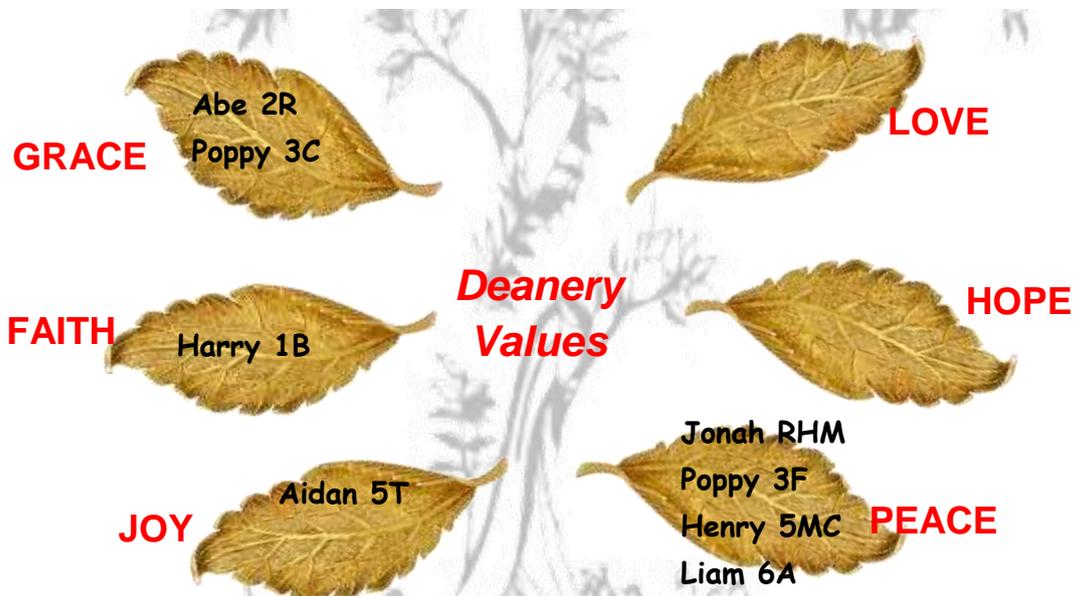
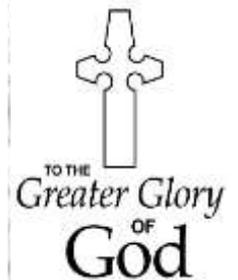


Library update.

As previously communicated, our school library has been significantly damaged by recent bad weather and will be out of action for at least 6 months. Fortunately, each year group has a small library and '50 recommended reads' for our children to enjoy. The ability to read is a fundamental skill of a child's learning journey and opens up so many avenues to explore, learn and grow. Please spend a few minutes each day, reading with your child, listening to them read, sharing what you are reading and discussing the multitude of messages we receive through written texts.

Safety

Please refer to the information from the National online Safety team – within each newsletter. This information contains guidance and advice for parents on how to keep children safe when using all kinds of devices and applications. There are recommended age limits on many platforms in order to keep children safe, as they are not equipped with the knowledge of how to cope with situations that may arise. We have recently provided an online safety parent's evening where guidance and support was offered. Please contact school, through the usual channel should you require more guidance with online safety.



## Pupil Voice

Demetra RHM - "We've been doubling, it is when you add the same amount."

Eleanor RHM - "We have been reading Corduroy. It is sad at the beginning, but then Lisa buys him so it ends happy."

Sai 1B - "In Maths we are learning about money and how to add coins. It's important because we need money to buy things."

Matilda 3C – "I really liked learning about Ancient Egypt and finding out about the pyramids of Egypt."

Faye 3F – "I have really been enjoying swimming because it's fun learning new things."

Noah 4P – "In PE, we have been practising for sports day. I really like running because you get to exercise in the fresh air and it's good fun."

Harvey 4P - "In PSHE, we talked about the '7r's' that can help us be better for our planet. I am going to try to recycle more and re-use more things so that they don't go to waste."

Elisa – 4P "This week, we have been looking at line graphs in Maths. You can learn how long something has been changing over time. I really liked drawing them because we had to read the data carefully."

Barnaby and Leonard 5MC – "Last Wednesday we went to the Thinktank Museum. It was a museum jam-packed with different types of history and science. We did science experiments where we blew up a balloon with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. Our favourite bit for both of us was the planetarium show. It was a great trip!"

Tommy 5T – "I liked the Planetarium show at the ThinkTank - I learnt lots of new things about our Solar System and the stars."

Katie 6A – "We are busy rehearsing for our production, it's going well so far!"

Emma 6A – "I really enjoyed our Mandarin lessons. The teacher was really nice and it was fun learning a different language."

## English Schools Gymnastics



Last week 12 children from Deanery travelled to Stoke on Trent with Mrs Bourne and Mrs Lockett to compete in their first ever National Gymnastics Competition! After months of learning individual floor routines, paired acro routines and perfecting their vaulting skills, the team were ready. Despite the nerves, they were all absolutely amazing when their turn came and we could not be prouder of each and every one of them! Well done girls! We had lots of comments about how polite and well-behaved they were as well. A fantastic representation of our school at a National Event!



### Sports Day 2023 - save the date

Sports Day will be held on the following dates:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 11am – Nursery

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Tuesday 18th July 1.45pm - Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

Please see email for more details.

## Strike Action and Class Swap Day

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and not because of any issues at our school.

These are the arrangements **for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

Children in the following classes **will be able to attend school** as usual on these days:

Nursery

All children in Reception classes

Children in 1S

All children in year 2

Children in 3G, Miss Follis's class

Children in 4B

Children in 5MC

All children in year 6

Where the whole year group is unaffected by strike action, children's learning will follow the usual curriculum. If a year group experiences a partial closure, children attending school will have the opportunity to consolidate their learning.

There is no provision for online learning for children who are not attending school on the strike day due to industrial action.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Deanery CE Primary School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. Arrangements for future strike dates will be communicated in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office 0121 351 6441, or email [enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk)

Class swap day for children in Reception to year 5 will now take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This is a morning where they will meet their class teacher for the next academic year. Children in Year 6 come to school as usual on this day.

Deanery Fest Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

PTFA INVITES YOU TO  
OUR ANNUAL  
**DEANERY  
FEST**  
**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

FROM 12PM - 4PM AT DEANERY C.E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FOX HOLLIES ROAD, WALMLEY, SUTTON COLDFIELD B76 2RD

**SOMETHING FUN  
FOR EVERYONE**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDES:  
RAFFLE - INFLATABLES - FACE PAINTING - GO KARTS  
BBQ - SOFT PLAY - CANDY FLOSS - DRINKS TENT  
LIVE MUSIC - Y6 ENTERPRISE - STALLS & MORE!

**BUY TICKETS: [WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/DEANERY](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/DEANERY)**

School age children: £5 early booking or with flyer / £7.50 on the day  
Adults: £2 early booking or with flyer / £3 on the day  
Pre-School age children: £2 early booking or with flyer / £4 on the day  
Entry includes inflatables, soft play & craft area.  
£1 tokens available for purchase online for Deanery school children or on the day.

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**Non Uniform Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Tombola Donations**

THURSDAY 6TH JULY  
**NON-UNIFORM DAY**  
TOMBOLA DONATIONS

**Suggestions:**  
**KS1:** Chocolate  
**KS2:** Bring a bottle

*To be used at the DeaneryFest Tombola*



**Deanery Sports kit and Football shirts**

Please can you have a look to see if you have got any Deanery red sports t-shirts or football kits at home and if so please can you return it to the school office.

PTFA Summer Disco - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



Friends Of The Deanery



# Summer School Disco

## Friday 21st July

KS1 DISCO (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2) 5.00 - 6.15 PM

KS2 DISCO (YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6) 6.30 - 8.00 PM

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE**

*Book online from 24th June at*  
**[pta-events.co.uk/deanery](http://pta-events.co.uk/deanery)**



## Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

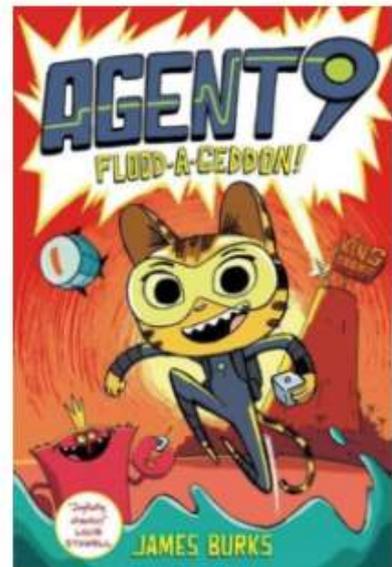
If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

## Our recommended graphic novels for Key Stage 2

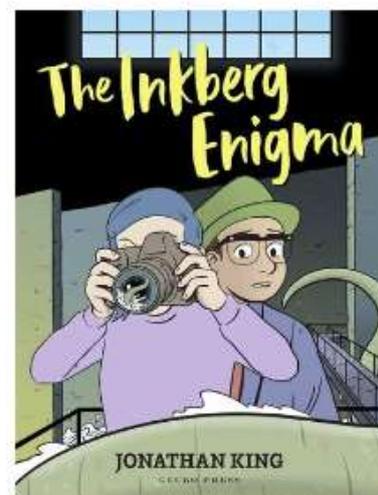
### Agent 9: Flood-a-geddon! by James Burks

Agent 9 is the Super-Secret Spy Service's best chance to save the world from supervillain King Crab's dastardly scheme to turn the polar ice caps into a water-world theme park. It's 192 pages of full-colour eco-tinged cartoon fun. Packed with thrills and adventure on every page, the punchy graphic novel format will appeal to less confident readers aged 7-9 in years 3&4.



### The Inkberg Enigma by Jonathan King

A gripping mystery set in a sleepy fishing town with dark secrets. When bookish Miro and inquisitive Zia are thrown together they are quickly drawn into a world of seafaring drama. With stylish graphics and fast-moving dialogue, this is ideal for years 5&6.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

Artificial Intelligence – particularly in terms of how it generates natural language – has seen significant development over the last six months, with companies releasing new AI-based software or adding an AI element to existing apps (such as Snapchat, for example). One form of AI to become especially popular has been the AI friend, or chatbot, as children eagerly experiment with these new-found computer-generated companions. There are now numerous apps available with this 'virtual friend' functionality, with the likelihood of it being added to other successful platforms soon.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONTENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

AI chatbots may not always be able to recognise when content is age inappropriate or harmful and should be filtered out. So there's a possibility that children could be exposed to offensive language or explicit material while conversing with their virtual friend. The companies producing such AI solutions are also unlikely to take responsibility for any content that their algorithms generate.

### REDUCED SOCIAL CONTACT

An excessive reliance on chatbots for social interaction could potentially cause a child to begin reducing the amount of face-to-face communication they have, leading to social isolation. If young people become dependent on chatbots to provide companionship, it could very likely hinder the development of their real-life social skills.

### LACK OF SENSITIVITY

Chatbot software isn't always sophisticated enough to pick up on subtle emotional cues or recognise signs of distress in children, as most humans would. It might therefore fail to respond appropriately. AI misinterpreting what it's being told or replying insensitively to a young user who is already struggling could potentially impact a child's emotional wellbeing or exacerbate any existing emotional issues.

### UNINTENTIONAL BIAS

AI companions are only as reliable as the information they've been programmed with. The algorithms they use, therefore, may unintentionally promote bias, stereotypes or discriminatory behaviour (as many originate from the USA or the UK, for instance, they can display a distinctly western-centric worldview). This could lead to children developing skewed attitudes and behaviours.

### COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS

Although many are now undeniably advanced, AI-powered chatbots still have limitations in terms of understanding complex concepts, context and nuance. Depending heavily on chatbots to help with learning or solving problems may stunt the development of a child's own powers of critical thinking, creativity and ability to engage in open-ended discussions with other people.

### PRIVACY CONCERNS

Chatbots typically collect data about users, including personal information and conversations. This is ostensibly to improve their performance as they gradually learn about our behaviour – but many experts are warning that there may be significant risks associated with how this information is stored and used (the possibility of potential breaches or misuse by third parties, for instance).

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CHAT ABOUT CHATBOTS

If your child is already expressing an interest in AI apps, a relaxed, natural chat should help you to discover which ones they're aware of and how they're using them (or are planning to). Discuss these options with your child and perhaps do your own research to ensure you think they're suitable. Once you're totally happy, you could sit with your young one and begin exploring AI chatbots together.

### CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

If your child is keen to engage with AI chatbots, encourage them to do so in a safe environment: ideally in a shared space at home, so you can easily keep an eye and ear on their progress. Set up appropriate content filtering measures in advance – and gently remind them that you'll be close by and ready to help with any questions or concerns that may arise.

### FIND A BALANCE

Work alongside your child to establish the right balance in terms of how they might use AI-powered chatbots – and when it's appropriate. It's important to make sure that children are still getting plenty of opportunities to learn to solve problems for themselves, as well as building their interpersonal skills through face-to-face conversations with friends, family members and teachers.

### TAKE CONTROL

As with any form of app or game, when it comes to AI chatbots we'd strongly recommend that you consider employing parental controls (either on the device being used or within the software itself) to manage which apps your child can download and use. This is particularly important for younger children, who may be more at risk of being upset or frightened by inappropriate content.

### RECOGNISE THE RISKS

It's unlikely that most children will have even considered the potential risks attached to having a virtual companion. So it's probably wise to explain some of the possible hazards and challenges of AI chatbots to your child. In particular, emphasise that AI isn't a real person (however much it might sound like one) and may occasionally tell them something that isn't entirely impartial or accurate.

### Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Africa and the Middle East. With particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



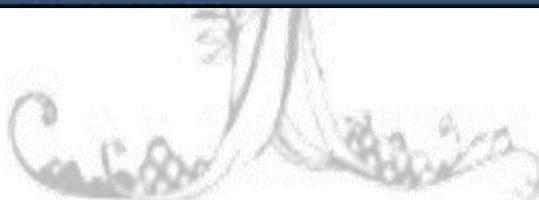
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Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle  
[communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org](mailto:communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org)

### 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. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION  
BELOW FOR LOCAL  
ACTIVITIES

DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE  
ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES



# VISION FOOTBALL ACADEMY



## ELITE SESSION GRACE ACADEMY

Monday Evenings

6-7pm 5-9 years

7-8pm 8-12 years



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# SUTTON FOOTBALL FUN SUMMER CAMP



21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August | Eldon Dr, Walmley, Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1LT

Dear parents & guardians,

We are very pleased to announce that due to the success and overwhelming demand of our previous football fun camps we are coming to Sutton Coldfield for an action- packed week of football, fun and memories!!

The football fun camp will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August and run through until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The camp is open to both boys and girls of all abilities and ages between 4-12 year olds. 9am start – 3pm finish.

During the week your children will take part in football challenges, tournaments, matches and fun activities. On the last day of camp there will be a presentation where **EVERY CHILD** will win a certificate & medal, also trophies and awards will be played for throughout the week. The children will be given a full hour lunch break and regular drink / snack stops throughout the day.

**TONY MORLEY** who is an **EX ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER AND ASTON VILLA LEGEND** will be overseeing the camp alongside his son Joe who is a head coach also has **PROFESIONAL** experience in the football and coaching game! Jake who is also another head coach has been running his own football company for the past 4 years and has previously played for Barnsley FC. Tony, Joe, Jake & the coaching team have over 30+ years of coaching experience together and put on football fun camps every single half term, so we have no doubt your child will absolutely love this!

The cost for the full camp from 9am – 3pm, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, is **ONLY £80** for the full camp or **£25 PER DAY**. All you will need to bring with you is enough food and drink to last the full day, football boots, shinpads and lots of energy to have fun and make some memories!!

If you are ready for your children to have the time of their lives and make the best memories this summer there is no better place to be! Please note we do have very limited spaces and these do sell out very quickly. For **more information** or to **BOOK** on please message Joe on the number provided below.

**07498627441**



# 2022/23 TASTER DAYS

**U7 (Y2 - 2023/24)**

**U8 (Y3 - 2023/24)**

**U9 (Y4 - 2023/24)**

**U10 (Y5 - 2023/24)**

**TUESDAY 4TH AND 11TH JULY**

**5.45PM - 6.45PM**

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