**Deanery Church of England Primary School** 

# NEWSLETTER



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21st July 2021

As we come to the end of another disrupted academic year, we sincerely hope that, come September, we will be able to come together again as a school community, and share smiles and laughter and joy, face-to-face.

Although we have been presented with a multitude of barriers and restrictions, I would like to say a massive well done and thank you to all of our children who have coped tremendously well through all of this uncertainty. They have attended school every day and made their teachers and all staff at school extremely proud of their boundless enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you to you, as parents, for continuing to help keep school a safe place, one where you can all feel confident that as part of our wonderful school community we have all done our bit to safeguard the welfare and education of our children. We will continue to work together as the future unfolds and be ever mindful of the adaptations that might be necessary as time goes by.

I am forever grateful to all of our team at Deanery for the professionalism, tenacity and passion for providing the best opportunities for our children. Whether this is keeping our school clean and safe, providing fabulous meals, keeping the school running through the communications with our staff in the office, care of our children before and afterschool and at lunchtimes, not forgetting our amazing teaching assistants and teachers who have all played their part to ensure that we remain focussed on providing the best possible outcomes for all of our children.

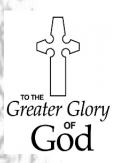
My thanks are also extended to the governors of the school who have given their time voluntarily to meet regularly via TEAMS throughout the year, for scheduled meetings and those required to support leaders through the many changes imposed, throughout the pandemic.

We are a school who share love and faith and this is felt by all through the prayers received and shared with our parent prayer group. Thank you for your prayers and kind words of encouragement.

We say fond farewells to our year 6 children who have been an absolute pleasure to teach and to know over their time at Deanery. They have experienced their own setbacks and challenges over the years but together, they have shown extraordinary resilience and strength. We all wish you the very best, and do come back to visit us.

We also extend our best wishes for the future to other staff who are leaving Deanery this year. They will always hold a special place in our hearts. Farewell to Ms Brynley-Jones, Mrs Elliot, Mr Baggott, Mrs Paul and Ms Barrie.

Finally, we wish share our huge congratulations for the marriage of Miss Stableford and Mr Maskell. We hope you are able to have a wonderful day.





Don't forget to keep in touch over the Summer @DeaneryPrimary. Our school community would love to see photographs of what you have all been doing.

Pupils will return to school on <u>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</u> for the autumn term. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September is a training day and children are not required to attend.

# September Return Information

Thank you for your feedback regarding COVID systems and procedures to keep. We have endeavoured to adapt only when new procedures and systems appear to be better than the old systems or where we are still restricted in our endeavours.

## DROP OFF/COLLECTION

- Doors will be open from 8.45am until 8.55am for a staggered entry.
- Teachers will meet and greet children at the classroom door.
- The one-way systems will remain in operation to avoid congestion and pinch points.
- Collection will be at 3.30pm for all school aged children.
- We continue to request that the school site is cleared and safe for after school clubs and Foxes children to use the school grounds.
- The gates will be locked at 9.00am and 3.40pm so we ask that you exit the school site promptly please.

#### **ILLNESS**

We ask that we all work together to keep our school community well and healthy – if your child is unwell, please keep them off school. Should a child develop COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and parents will be asked to follow public health advice.

# **ASSEMBLIES**

- Whole school/ key stage celebration assemblies will be on hold for the immediate future due to a lack of ventilation in the halls, however, this will be reviewed as guidance allows.
- Class assemblies will commence, with invited parents

#### PARENTS EVENINGS

- The books will be put into classrooms straight after school in the week of parents eve 1 class from each year group on the Monday and the other class on the Tuesday to enable parents to see the books.
- Parents Eve will be on Wed/Thurs and will be phonecalls as they have proved to be very successful this year.

#### GOOGLE CLASSROOM

- Google Classroom to be updated every Monday with notes for the week etc
- HWK to be set via Google Classrooms
- KS2 will no longer have HWK diaries
- KS1 will keep reading diaries for this academic year

## School Fundraising

Just to keep you all up to date with fundraising. It is with a huge amount of pride that we inform you that the totals so far are:-

£2260.61 Twenty is Plenty Challenge £405.00 for the Deanery Cook Book £852.67 from the sale of Ice Pops £122.76 - Mrs Slater Sponsored Walk

Thank you to each and every one of you. This will go along way towards the outside play area.

The cookbook is still on sale at £5.00 per copy available from the school office or order via Scopay. We will continue to sell this next term too. Don't forget to take pictures and pop them onto our twitter page. We would love to see as many of these as possible over the Summer.

#### School Values

Love, Joy, Peace, Grace, Hope and Faith are our school values that underpin the way we live our lives.

We know that there are so many examples of these values going on in our school, our homes and our community at this time and we would like to celebrate them!

We would like to invite parents who think their child has shown one of these values to let us know so that we can publicly acknowledge the great things that our children are doing.

If you would like to nominate your child please email <a href="mailto:enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk</a> and make 'Values' the subject of your email. Tell us your child's name, class and how they have demonstrated a particular value and will be sure to praise them for it.

#### **Fundraising**

"I will be taking part in Brave The Shave and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. I have been growing my hair during lockdown and will also be donating it to Little Princess Trust <a href="https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/">https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/</a> who make wigs for children who have lost their hair as result of cancer and other illnesses. If you can spare £2 or more it would be appreciated. I know it challenging times, if you cannot donate it is ok also.

Thanks in advance everyone." **Prashant – Y6** 

## Acorns Fund Raising in support of one of our Nursery families

Please follow the link to support a charity working with local families

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CaraAnn/1?utm\_source=whatsapp&utm\_medium=organic&utm\_campaign=fundraiser&utm\_term=socialshare&utm\_content=fundriasingpage

# Prayer Group

A huge thank you to the Prayer Group for the lovely treats. You have looked after us all so well during the last year. We are incredibly grateful and wish you a lovely summer.



# Deanery Cookbook

Thank you so much to those that have already purchased our Deanery cookbook. The response has been great. If you would like a copy, the cookbook is still on sale at £5.00 per copy available from the school office or order via Scopay. We will continue to sell this next term too. Don't forget to take pictures and pop them onto our twitter page. We would love to see as many of these as possible over the Summer.

## 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