

NEWSLETTER



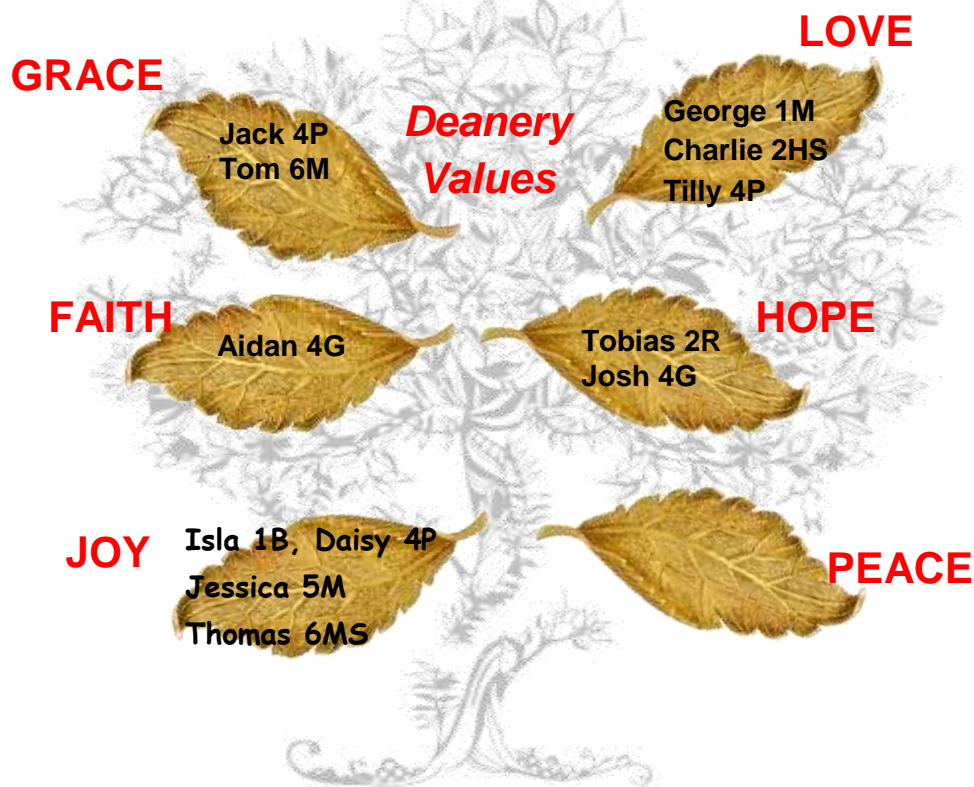
Welcome back to the new half term. This must be my favourite time of the year when the trees are changing colour and there is a freshness in the air.

Thursday 11th November at 11:00am, children across school, from nursery to year 6, marked 2 minutes silence in remembrance of those who fell.

Our head boys and girls will be representing Deanery CE School at the annual Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Walmley on Sunday 14th November.

Children in year 6 have been studying the World Wars and are gaining an understanding of the impact.

A polite reminder that the school bell goes at 8:45 in the morning, at this time, children are welcomed by their class teacher and can enter school safely. Parents, please remain with your child until this bell has sounded. The school bell will ring again at 8:55am, at this point, teachers will close their classroom doors to beginning the school day. If you are running late, please be mindful that the bell may have gone and children should be taken to the main school reception entrance. Thank you for your understanding.



PUPIL VOICE

Ada 1B - I like Oral Blending in Phonics because it helps me to count the sounds I need to be able to read and write.

Esme 1B - I enjoyed learning about the meerkats and the different jobs they do when we had our virtual zoo visit.

Otilie 1M - We had a virtual visit to the zoo this week. I thought it was funny when the lady told us that a skunk spray stinks for 4 weeks! But it will only spray if it is scared.

Stanley 1M - When we do Phonics, I like reading the tricky words because I know lots of them.

Darcy 2HS - We went on a walk to Walmley to look at the shops and houses. Our topic is 'Street Detectives.

Willis 2HS - To finish off 'Land Ahoy' we had a treasure hunt where we found the missing treasure in the garden!

Year 6 - We loved going outside and experiencing life in the trenches and going 'over the top'.

Programmes of Study for Autumn 2



Our Programmes of Study for Autumn 2 have now been uploaded to the website - here you can find out all of the great knowledge and skills that we will be learning over the next half term.

Curriculum evening presentations are also now available to view via Google Classrooms. There is a PPT version, or a video if you wish to hear the teacher's narrative

Book Sale – Friday 12th November

We will be selling Oxford reading tree books every Friday after school in the KS1 outdoor classroom until Christmas. These are the old reading scheme books which parents are able to purchase for a donation to school.

Stage 1 to Stage 5 will be on sale from this Friday 12th November.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all parents and children for helping us support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.

Governor News

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Chair of Governors, Ruth Boon. Ruth has been a Governor at Deanery for many years and has recently been elected to the role of Chair of Governors.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to Jo Bradbury who has been our Chair of Governors for the last four years and has done a tremendous job. We are pleased that Jo will remain as a Governor on the Governing Body for Deanery.

Flu Nasal Spray Rescheduled date 26th November

Please note that School Nurses will be in school on Friday 26th November to administer the Flu nasal spray for all children in Reception to Year 6 where a consent form has been returned to school.

Healthy snacks and packed lunches

Can we respectfully remind children and parents that snacks and packed lunches should be healthy, as per the Good Practice Packed Lunch Guidelines on our website.

The guidelines are:

Packed lunches should include: • At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day. • Meat, fish or other source of non- dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus every day. • Oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks. • A carbohydrate food such as wholemeal or granary bread, pasta, rice, noodles, potato salad every day. • Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or custard every day. • Only water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks or smoothies.

Packed lunches should **not** contain: • Snacks such as crisps. Instead seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or non-dairy food are also a good choice. • Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets. Cakes and biscuits are allowed, but these should only be eaten as part of a balanced meal. • Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausage / chipolatas should be included only occasionally.

Christmas Shoe Boxes to the Good Samaritans Charity

This year the **School Council** would like to donate Christmas Shoe Boxes to the Good Samaritans Charity. We feel it would be a lovely way for the children to show kindness and generosity for those less fortunate than themselves. If you would like to get involved these are the steps to making your Christmas show boxes:

Step one – You need a shoebox (Or you can buy one on the Good Samaritans website)

Step two – Decorate your shoebox with paper (preferably Christmas paper). You do not need to decorate the ones bought online

Step three – Select whom you are packing for – Girl or Boy and the ages of 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. This information will need to be on a clear label on top of the Christmas shoebox (For example GIRL AGE 5-9)

Step four – Fill the shoebox with gifts (ideas are on the website or below)

Step five – OPTIONAL - You can donate money online on the Good Samaritan website

Step six – Personalise your box and Pray (For example, you could include a hand written note and a photo of your family. You may also want to pray for the child that will receive your gift)

Step seven – Put a rubber band around the Christmas shoebox (school will provide one if you do not have one)

Step eight – Bring in your completed Christmas shoebox into class (the School Council will collect it from the classrooms and bring it to the appropriate place)

The deadline for the Christmas shoeboxes to be returned to school will be Friday 19th November 2021.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS (AGE 2-4)

SPECIAL ITEMS: Something to immediately capture the child's attention e.g. a rickety toy, large toy car or truck, a rag doll, a brightly coloured bear hat.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES: Pencil case, crayons, colouring pens and pencils, child friendly pencil sharpeners, ruler, eraser, glue stick (not liquid glue), notebook, picture book, drawing pad, coloured inks, water paint palette and paint brushes set, pre-cut stamps, large stickers.

ACCESSORIES: Baseball cap, sunglasses, wolf's hat, gloves, mittens, scarf, hair ties, buns and dress-up headbands, small backpack, fannybag or daisywheel bag, shoes or socks, reusable non-toxic containers e.g. milk, water bottles, pills, toys, small items of clothing e.g. socks, flip flops, 5 coins.

TOYS: Skipping rope, small foam ball or tennis ball, large play truck/collecting truck, play people, large animal figures, dinosaurs, bobble along mat e.g. farm, zoo, city or seaside, transport toys e.g. car, train, plane, truck or boat, plastic doll, hand or finger puppets, play dough, toyset with cookies, cutlery and play food, toy tools, stinky, interactive toys that include push buttons, lights and noise (include extra batteries)

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, bar of soap, handkerchief, sponge, nailbrush, bath sponge, rubber duck or bath toy.

GAMES: Three cards, simple puzzles with large pieces, matching games, etc.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Carillon, shaker, bells, water whistle, recorder, harmonica, slide whistle, tin whistle, finger drum, maracas, stringed, mini xylophone, tambourine, castanets.

A NOTE FROM YOU: Christmas card, note of greeting, photo of yourself/your family.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Items with very small parts, batteries, seeds, toxins and liquids, used or damaged items, tools, guns, chocolate or food items, religious or political literature, medicines, animal care, sharp or fragile items.

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www.samaritan.org.uk | 0203 200 2000 | 0203 200 2000

Christmas Lunch Thursday 2nd December

Children that usually have a school meal will be having their Christmas Lunch on Thursday 2nd December. If your child currently brings sandwiches but would like to join their friends for Christmas dinner on this day at a cost of £2.35, please complete the form found at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijllNeEygFgtjlf3WwWv09RIC8ZpPmBKDdOdmiLxUNVIXMFpUVzINOEMyV0FESEY3RTI5VEsxRC4u>

Santa Run Friday 3rd December

We have installed a brand new Early Years outdoor area to enhance the provision and opportunities for our youngest children. We are continuing our fundraising for this across this academic year and our next event is a sponsored Santa Run.

All children across the school from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in a Santa Run on Friday 3rd December. Children and staff are asked to wear a Santa hat and complete as many laps as they can of the MUGA in 5 minutes.

This is a fun event with Christmas songs playing as they run, skip or dance their way around the track. Prizes will be given on the day for best hat, funkiest moves and loudest singers in each year group. Sponsor forms will be sent home with children this week.

Parent "Thank You"

We continue to thank our wonderful parent volunteers who have come in to help us with our library, parent readers who give our children extra opportunities to be heard reading and parent walkers to support with local trips.

If anyone else would like to volunteer to come in for parent readers, we would love to have you!

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](#)

Reception Intake - September 2022

To apply for a Reception Class place for September 2022, please follow the link. This has all the information you need. Applications MUST be returned to school by 15th January 2022. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

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



P T F A
Friends Of The Deanery

PTFA invite you to a Coffee Morning



**Homemade
Cakes**



**Hot Drinks only £1
Takeaway Available
Friday 12th November**

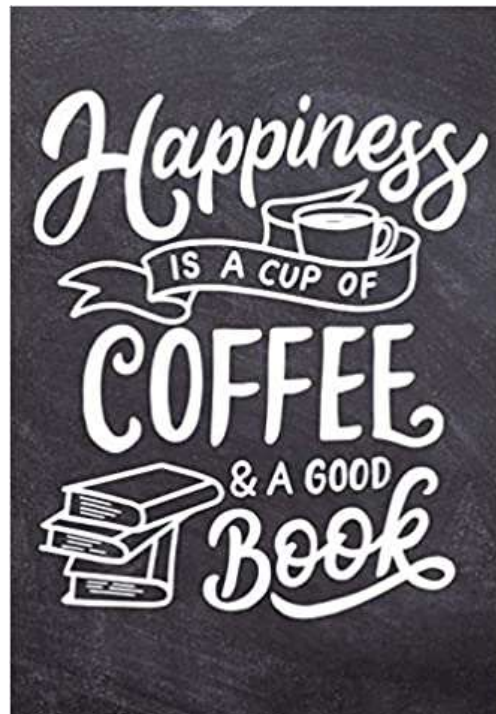
9:00 - 10:30am

in the Foxes Centre attached to School

ptfa.deanery@gmail.com

Community Book Swap Zone

Our Community Book Swap Zone has 'reopened' in the main school entrance. If you have a book you've finished with why not donate it to our book swap and help yourself to another to read. Go on treat yourself!



Coming Soon Virtual Book Fair



It's not long until your schools' Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair.
Thousands of books at £2.50 each, brand new!

Start browsing today at www.booksforbugs.co.uk - More details with how to order
with free delivery will be announced near the start of your fair

Cherished Support



We have been very lucky to receive a 12-month training package from Cherished (a non-profit organisation providing [attachment focused support](#) for girls in Primary and Secondary schools across Birmingham) funded by The Sutton Charitable Trust. Each month we will share any relevant links with you.



Please see below links for resources, which you may find useful:

Help! I have an anxious child (Video)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hYLiCgRVItRIGgBv6OvktRN23PBZoEhk/view>

Help! I have an anxious child (Resource Pack)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fgNKx9FAG4WPOFUe2XyFr3FvUgNHVuRS/view>

<https://www.jwbridgethegap.com/>

The Power And Importance Of Attachment

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Adverse Childhood Experiences

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ACTIVITIES

DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE
ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

Come to the

Christmas Market

at

St Michael's Church

Church Road, Boldmere, B73 5RX

Saturday 4th December

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tombola Craft Stall Glow sticks

Toys Flashing Santa hats Carol Singing

Flashing necklaces / rings Glitter tattoos

Refreshments Christmas Stalls

Christmas wrapping
paper & cards Children's craft
activities

Homemade jams Bottle stall

Mulled wine &
Mince pies Meet Uncle Holly

 St Michael's Boldmere