



Welcome back to the new school year.

It has been lovely to welcome our children and parents to school this September. I always feel a sense of excitement as September approaches and the freshness of the autumn morning air sparks memories of my school days, many years ago! Assemblies last week focussed initially on new opportunities and having the courage to go through the 'doors of opportunity' that come your way. This new academic year will provide lots of new opportunities for all of our children as they experience things for the first time. Our children have settled tremendously well into their new classrooms and routines, meeting new members of staff and children. Even our youngest children in reception and nursery have settled well and have been enjoying the outside space and playing with their new friends.

The beginning of the term has also been a sad occasion marked by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Rev Ben Cook led an assembly for the whole school on Friday to celebrate her life and the momentous impact of her long reign and life of service, sacrifice and compassion. Children talked about what the late Queen meant to them, 'she was kind'. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, school will be closed for the Bank Holiday for the funeral of her Majesty the Queen. We offer our condolences to the new King and all the Royal Family.



**GRACE**

Sebby 6W

Jamie 2R  
Jacob 5T  
Emma 6A

**LOVE**

**Deanery  
Values**

**FAITH**

Hugo 3G

**HOPE**

**JOY**

Lydia RHM

Daniel 1B  
Teddy 3C

**PEACE**

**Pupil Voice**

Reception children have really enjoyed getting to know their school and have had lots of fun exploring their new environment and making friends.

Harry 1B: "I love everything about Year 1. It's great! I like being with my friends again too."

Eva 1S: "I like lining up in Register order and playing with the cars."

Sienna - "I enjoyed exploring the different materials and their properties in Science."

Ada - "I love painting with different oranges."

Rhiannon - "We had fun starting our new topic and getting messy!"

George 5T: "I really liked our science lesson this week. We went outside to look for plants and animals and then we found out about their life cycles by researching them on the iPads."

Year 6 "We are all really excited about our upcoming residential to Quinta next week!"

## Behaviour Tokens

Well done to our fantastic children for collecting so many tokens for going above and beyond last term. Well done to Tudor who collected the most tokens over all.



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Commonwealth colour dress up day last week to raise funds for our international charities. We will be sending our donations to @UNICEF @WaterAidUK @decappeal as detailed below.



This term we have decided to support local Charities, that means charities that help people in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham and the West Midlands – where we live! Even though Y6 will be at secondary school, this will be their legacy. They have chosen three local charities that they feel are important and they would like to support. @Acacia\_Family @BhamDogsHome @MAA\_Charity



## Welcome to our new staff



We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff who are joining our Deanery family.

Mrs Walsham in Year 6, Mrs Hammond in Year 5, Miss Bailey and Mrs McGuinness in Year 4

## Programmes of Study



Our Programmes of Study for Autumn 1 have now been uploaded to the school website - <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/p-o-s>

Here you can find out all of the great knowledge and skills that we will be learning over the next half term.

## E Safety Notice

### 'Huggy Wuggy' warning

You may have heard or seen in the news and media about a terrifying looking character called 'Huggy Wuggy'. This character is based on an adult video game but has been appearing on many social media platforms such as; YouTube. In the videos in which he appears, he is singing inappropriately and portraying violent and/ or aggressive messages to the viewers. If you hear your child mention this character please stay calm, encourage them to talk if they ever see anything online that upsets them/ discuss whom they can talk to and please continue to ensure screen time is monitored.

## Second-hand Uniform

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

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](mailto:ptfa.deanery@gmail.com) to arrange to drop off your donations.

## Message from Walmley Social Club

Walmley Social Club is a private club, and the carpark is private land. The carpark is for the use of our members and patrons of the cafe and club. Please do not use the carpark for school drop off and pick up.

## Please follow us on Twitter



Deanery CE Primary  
@DeaneryPrimary

Please follow us on Twitter to keep abreast of Deanery news and to see some of the great work and activities that we get up to.

## Jolly Jungle

Welcome  
to the

# Jolly Jungle



## A belief

**A**s a church school we believe that to love God is to love our neighbour. To love our neighbour is to have God within us. If God is within us we shall be good neighbours and shall show God's love to the world.

Our school seeks to reflect the Christian understanding that all people are people of God and, as such, are precious. Therefore, emphasis is placed upon the best whole education that can be provided, developing each child's individual talents within a caring, happy and disciplined environment, where co-operation, mutual respect and responsibility are encouraged.

There are several routes to visiting the Jolly Jungle:

- ✦ Teacher referral: a teacher raises a concern about a child's barrier to learning;
- ✦ Parent referral: a parent raises a concern with the school about an issue, which they feel it might be helpful for their child to discuss with us.
- ✦ Pupil self-referral: pupils will be encouraged to see us as people who will listen to them and help them with their concerns.

## A friendly face

**T**he Jolly Jungle is situated within the Early Years unit. If you visit the room, you will find yourself in the deep sea along with our resident seahorse and fish. As you look into the room, a beach leads into the jungle where LENNY the lion can be found.

Many activities will be carried out in this room.

- ✦ Talking and listening
- ✦ Games
- ✦ Creative activities
- ✦ Stories
- ✦ Role play
- ✦ Writing
- ✦ Sensory activities



## A trusting link

As you know, we value the partnership between home and school and try to keep the channels of communication open. At times



it may be that your child experiences a problem which a short discussion with us may help to resolve. (eg. a dispute with a peer or a worry about school work). It may be that, unless your child chooses to tell you about this, you will not be directly informed. We have been trained to respect the opinions, sensitivities and confidentiality of the pupils and there may be times when pupils ask specifically that what they say to us is kept confidential.

## A fresh start

Our role is not to give advice but to help children to express their feelings, fears and worries, to help them identify and



recognise their own strengths and talents and to help them work out solutions for themselves. This approach is often far more constructive for children than 'advice'.

## Who are we?



Mrs Johansen



Mrs Griffiths



Miss Morris

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## Jolly Jungle

### Why do we have a Jolly Jungle?

Whilst we seek to support all children in developing their emotional intelligence, we recognise that many children, at different times in their school lives, experience difficulties in coping with some of the pressures and situations in which they find themselves. This may be the result of challenges facing them with their school work, relationships with their peers, or difficulties arising at home (family illness, bereavement, job loss, relationship issues etc.). Often these difficulties may be short lived but can have a long-term effect upon children's self-esteem or attitudes to school. We cover work in class to support children in our Personal, Social and Health Education (PHSE) lessons and during 'Circle Time' but sometimes this is not always enough.

Many children have difficulty expressing how they feel and keep their problems to themselves. Occasionally, parents face tremendous challenges in their own lives and this can also impact upon their children. There is sufficient evidence, from research into children's development, to indicate that at such times, young people benefit from the support of a trained individual, who has a key responsibility to ensure that the children are listened to, helped to work through difficulties and given the confidence to find solutions to their problems.

### What is 'emotional intelligence' and why is it important?

At Deanery, we are always seeking to ensure that every child has the best opportunity to benefit from the education we offer. The importance of 'emotional intelligence' as a factor in successful lives is something that has become clearer to those engaged in research about learning. There is much research showing the 'emotional intelligence' is even more important than IQ for success in adult life and, therefore, should be developed in childhood. Broadly speaking 'emotional intelligence' is the ability to relate to and understand other, to understand and be able to express feelings and to have a high level of self-insight and self-acceptance.

### What is Jolly Jungle?

Jolly Jungle is a 'safe' environment where children have the opportunity to:

- express their feelings, fears and worries
- identify and recognise their own strengths and talents
- work out solutions for themselves

One of the Jolly Jungle team - Mrs Johansen, Mrs Griffiths or Miss Morris - will see children for a 6-week mentoring block. The mentoring programme will be goal driven and we will work with each child to set their own goals and work on strategies to achieve them.

We will allocate a member of staff to each child depending on timetabling and expertise/background.

If you would like to know more about Jolly Jungle, please see our 'Welcome to Jolly Jungle' leaflet available from the school office

For a Referral Form, please see <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/inclusion/jolly-jungle> or a class teacher.

If you wish your child to attend Jolly Jungle from September, can we please ask you to fill in a form and send it back into school. Children that were already attending Jolly Jungle will need to be re-referred.





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



# QUIZ NIGHT

Raising money for SANDS  
Stillbirth and Neonatal  
Death Charity

**NEW DATE!**

**Saturday,  
17th Sept**

at Deanery CE School  
Fox Hollies Road  
Doors open at: 6:30pm  
Quiz starts at: 7:00pm

**£10**

per person  
(max 8 per team)  
includes  
table snacks



**SUPPORT RO RUNNING  
LONDON MARATHON**



To book your ticket

message Ro Armstrong 07834986358





# SUTTON SOCCER COACHING CLUB



AT MERE GREEN SCHOOL  
 (OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S)  
 MERE GREEN, B75 5BL  
 STARTING SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

## SATURDAYS

Group 1	9.00am – 10.00am	School Year Reception
Group 2	9.00am – 10.00am	School Years 1
Group 3	10.15am – 11.15am	School Years 2 and 3
Group 4	11.30am – 12.30pm	School Years 4 and above

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of the last 27 years courses we are expanding the soccer coaching programme for 2022. The new course will start on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September and will run for 12 weeks.

Qualified F.A. coaches run the course and there are also very special skills sessions from EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS including Tony Morley ex-Aston villa and England star. Coaches are DBS checked.

The course is for children of all abilities, total beginners are introduced through fun and confidence building practices. We teach children not just football!!

The NEW SAMBA GOALS are used for all groups in shooting practices and Premier league tournaments, and a ball per player is provided for individual skill practices. The course is held on the football pitches so boots or trainers and outdoor clothing should be worn.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week which is payable every four weeks (£30) (HALF PRICE £3.75) for second and subsequent brothers and sisters, payable every four weeks £15) with the first payment due on week one. The club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish to.

ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY at the presentation, which will be held on the final week of the term.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE TEXT THE FOLLOWING TO THE NUMBER GIVEN BELOW

**MERE GREEN+CHILD'S NAME+GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3or4)**

**07518 522 809**

*Alan Bourton*

(Course Co-ordinator)



# FREE NETBALL TRAINING FOR YEARS Reception to 3

Experience netball at  
an established and  
friendly junior club



**PARKSIDE ARE OFFERING FREE NETBALL TRAINING FOR YEARS R TO 3**

**Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm**

(Training at North Birmingham Academy, 395 College Road, B44 0HF)

Contact: [parksidenc@gmail.com](mailto:parksidenc@gmail.com) or 07597 949351