

NEWSLETTER



We are so grateful for the support and genericity of our families and friends who have provided a wonderful array of gifts and toys for the Samaritans Shoe Box appeal. Thank you to the school council and Mrs Sadler for championing this event.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Andi Markham and Jack to lead our Toy Service and share the story of The Nativity.

This is such a special time at school and we are delighted this year to be able to celebrate Christmas with our whole school community coming together once again. Our children are beginning their rehearsals, singing songs and learning lines to share the real meaning of Christmas in a variety of ways. Look out for year group invitations for each event.

GRACE Katie RHM
Callie 6A

**Deanery
Values**

LOVE

FAITH



Henry 5MC

HOPE

JOY



Frankie 1B
Zara 2R



Stephanie 3C
Annabelle 5T

PEACE

Pupil Voice

Poppy RHM – “We have been reading the Billy Goats Gruff and building bridges.”

Reception have been learning about Advent this week. Fynn in RW recognised that candles are used in the wreath and could explain that we are getting ready for Jesus' birthday in December.

Jude 1B – “This week we have learnt the 'aw' sound and we have been reading words with this in our new topic. Paws, Claws and Whiskers.”

Barnaby 5MC – “We have been learning about equivalent fractions in maths. I enjoy fractions because you get to use your times tables to make equal fractions.”

Charlotte 5MC – “We have been writing about the Nowhere Emporium in English, we have used features like ellipsis, power of three and similes. I am looking forward to doing my own writing on this because you get to use your imagination a lot.”

Jude 5T – “We learned about computer networks and drew diagrams of them on the iPads.”

Sophie 6A – “We've enjoyed writing our own recounts based on the novel 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and using our understanding of the war to create some great pieces.”

Zac 6A – “I'm feeling much more confident with adding and subtracting fractions because I have a bank of methods I can choose to use.”

Christmas performances - dates for your diary

Wed 7th December 2.30pm - Reception and Year 1 Nativity KS2 Hall

Wed 8th December 2.30pm - Reception and Year 1 Nativity KS2 Hall

Fri 9th December 10.30am - Nursery Nativity KS2 Hall

Mon 12th December 6pm - Year 3 Carols by Torchlight on KS1 playground

Tue 13th December 2pm - Year 4 & Year 6 Christmas Service at St Johns Church

Tue 13th December 6pm - Year 5 Christmas Production KS2 Hall

Wed 14th December 6pm - Year 4 & Year 6 Christmas Service at St Johns Church

Thurs 15th December 2pm - Year 2 Christingle Service at St Johns Church

Thurs 15th December 6pm - Year 5 Christmas Production KS2 Hall

Please see individual emails sent out this week for more details about each event.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



We would like to say a massive thank you for the huge generosity of our staff and children and parents for donating so many shoe boxes.

We would also like to say a special thank you to the School Council who have been sorting out all the shoe boxes.

We managed to donate two car loads of Christmas shoe boxes!!! What an amazing contribution for the Samaritans Purse 'Operation Christmas Child'!



Response to Curriculum Evening Feedback

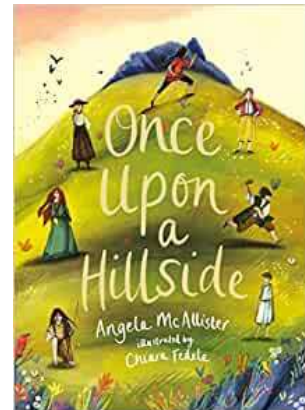
If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure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

Fiction book of the month

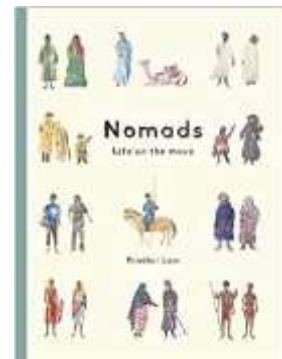
Once Upon a Hillside by Angela McAllister

Beautifully illustrated in full colour throughout, seven stories follow the same location and the people who lived there over 6000 years. Once Upon a Hillside will appeal to every child who has ever wondered about where they live, what happened in the past and how the people and times have changed. This book links the Stone Age with the Roman period, the Middle Ages, Victorian times, the interwar years and the present day.



Nomads: Life on the Move by Kinchoi Lam

This 72-page full-colour hardback examines the lifestyles, traditions and history of eight nomadic peoples from around the world. Including Roma, Yanomami, Maasai, Tuaregs, Nenets, Mongolian Nomads and the Sama-Bajau, it not only shows us that nomadic cultures live sustainably, managing their ecosystems, but points out that only 12,000 years ago, all humans were nomadic. A compelling read for children in KS2.



Picture book of the month

GOTCHA! by Clotilde Perrin

Fleeing a 'nasty hairball monster, a child hides in a series of fairy-tale houses. The intrepid reader can try to find them in the most unlikely places by lifting flaps, opening doors and peering carefully into each intricately illustrated cutaway. This oversized hardback is exquisitely presented in full colour with heavy stock card pages. With infectious language – 'feculent', 'pestilential', 'collywobblers' and a clever ending, GOTCHA! is an astonishingly good book. Children aged 5-8 will love it



Mental Health and Wellbeing Update

The five ways of Wellbeing have been designed to help us to live a mentally healthy life



Our whole school wellbeing focus this half term is **Give!**

Research has found a link between doing good things and an increase in wellbeing. Giving can involve parting with material things like money and gifts, or immaterial things like our time, skills, knowledge, enthusiasm, passion and kindness.



Giving could mean supporting a friend with a problem, donating clothes or unused items to a charity, volunteering your time for a cause you care about, or simply making an effort to make more time for the people that you care about.

The benefits that giving makes to our mental health and our sense of wellbeing are numerous. When we give to others this promotes a sense of trust and cooperation in our relationships. Through this, we strengthen our relationships with others making them more positive, which is key to good mental health. When we give to others, we do not only make them feel closer to us; we also feel closer to them.

Whoever we are, whatever we do, we can make giving part of our daily lives. This is how we are 'giving' in school.



Donating shoeboxes for Operation Child @Samaritans Purse



Y6 giving their time to help in the school library.

Mental Health and Wellbeing continued



Reception giving their support to anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks




Head Boys and Girls giving their time and respect to the Remembrance Sunday Service.

As part of our focus on 'Giving' we would like to invite children to give the gift of kindness this Christmas and take part in the attached 'Be kind' advent calendar starting on Dec 1st. The tasks can be done in any order.



We would love to see pictures of the children carrying out these kind tasks. Please Tweet them

and tag us in  @DeaneryPrimary with the #bekind. Any child bringing back a completed advent calendar in the new year will be awarded a certificate.

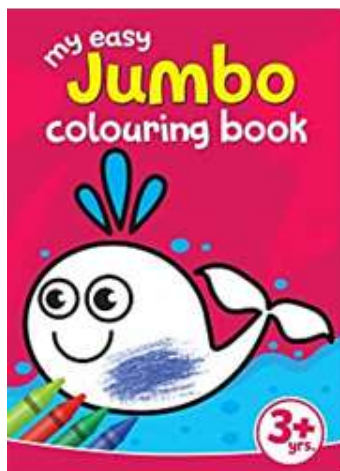
Christmas Toy Service - Thursday 1st December

School children and staff will come together on Thursday 1st December for a service in school to celebrate Christmas, focussing on what we can do to support others at Christmas time. Everybody will have an opportunity to think about the needs of others in preparation for this service and will be invited to contribute to a prayer if they would like to.

With the shoebox appeal, we have already had an opportunity to support children around the world. The toy service is an opportunity to support children locally. We invite families to donate a new, unwrapped toy for a child in Birmingham if you would like to. These toys are given to Birmingham City Mission to distribute to families in the city as part of their toylink initiative. To find out more about this please visit

<https://www.birminghamcitymission.org.uk/news/christmas-toylink> .

Please bring any toys to donate on Thursday 1st December and put them straight into the van at 8.30am on the way into school. The van will be parked on the car park outside of the school gate near the Foxes building.



Deanery Christmas Post Box



The Deanery Christmas Post-box is back!

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to friends across the school, please write the name and the class of the child on the envelope and they can post it in the post box, which will be in the KS1 hall from 1st Dec.

The Y6 Christmas elves will then run the Deanery postal service and deliver the cards to the children.

Lunchtime Supervisor Advert

We are currently advertising lunchtime supervisor roles at Deanery. If you are interested or know anyone that may be interested please see the website <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies> or contact the School Office for more details.

Santa Run Friday 2nd December

All children across the school from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in a Santa Run on Friday 2nd 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.

Over the summer, we have been developing our KS2 outdoor spaces, which began with the removal of the old furniture and bushes and levelling the floor. Step 2 is to enhance the space and opportunities for children during playtimes, lunchtimes and outdoor learning sessions by providing equipment and zones within this new area. All monies raised from the Santa Run will go directly towards the KS2 outdoor area.

Please complete the sponsorship form sent home with your child and return any money raised by Monday 12th December.

Any sponsorship money given is gratefully received and not expected.

RNIB Stamps Appeal



As a school, we would like to support RNIB this festive season and collect stamps to make a difference to blind and partially sighted people.

If you receive cards and letters through the post, could you save the stamps and send them in to us? We will recycle them and send them on to the RNIB who will recycle them into much-needed funds for their services.

We will have a collection box in the main school entrance or just send your stamps in to us in a bag or envelope and we will pop them in the collection box for you.

PTFA Christmas School Disco



Christmas School Disco

Friday 2nd December

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

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

PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY
BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

(Payments can still be made offline, forms available at the office)

Book online from 10th November at
www.pta-events.co.uk/deanery





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

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



Messy Church

Christingle

St Chads Church Sutton Coldfield &
Falcon Lodge Methodist Church

Invite you to our Messy Christingle

Sunday 4th December 2022

4.30pm - 6.30pm

at St Chads Parish Church

Hollyfield Road, B75 7SN



Free event - Everyone welcome

Booking essential via QR Code

Please book for every member of your party, adults & children





ASTON VILLA
FOUNDATION



Aston Villa Foundation **Festive Soccer School** **19th- 23rd December 2022**

Aston Soccer School
Academy Building – B6 6HE

Sutton Coldfield Soccer School
Sutton Coldfield Town FC – B72 1NL

Harborne Soccer School
Lordswood Girls Academy – B17 8QB

BOOK NOW
Scan the QR code



What else is there in the Gardens this December?



Even in winter the 10 acres of Gardens are a great place for families to wander and explore.

Watch Nature change, have fun in the Mud Kitchen or follow the **FREE** Percy the Park Keeper outdoor activity trail.

Ideal for 2 – 10 year olds.

No need to book

Courtyard Café

free to enter. Warm savouries, scrumptious cakes and hot drinks

Shop

Gifts, Honey, Jams, Cards & Books
Locally made Christmas wreaths – while stocks last



Gardens OPEN:
Weds to Friday 10.30 – 3.30pm
AND open EVERYDAY from
Saturday 17th December
to Thursday 22nd December

Garden Entry Fees
£5 adults/£2 children
Members FREE



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CHRISTMAS IN THE GARDENS

Join us for an unforgettable Christmas treat this December

A heartwarming Percy the Park Keeper interactive experience following everyone's favourite story,

One Snowy Night

Meet Percy and his Friends
Goodies and Treats

Hot Chocolate and Ginger biscuits
a special visit from the Christmas Elf



Bookable One Snowy Night Adventure experiences

10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th,
21st and 22nd Dec

Each Adventure ticket includes:

- 50 minute guided outdoor adventure
- indoor story time with Percy
- all day entry to the Gardens and
- a **FREE** hot chocolate for adults

£15 per child
(£12 for Members)



CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS



Castle Bromwich
Historic Gardens