

# NEWSLETTER



What a delightful start to the New Year. There is a real buzz of enjoyment and excitement around school as children return from the Christmas holidays. They are happy to be with their friends again, sharing stories of what they have been up to.

The spring term is always a busy one and children have already been on local visits within the community, undertaken Bikeability, and welcomed Rev Ann Richardson to lead collective worship.

Enrichment for our youngest children starts today, having chosen their activity, they are eager to explore new opportunities to learn different skills.

We welcome new staff and children to Deanery and I am sure they have already felt the warmth and care from their peers and colleagues.

May the blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance in the New Year.

Isaiah 43:19



**GRACE**

Beatrice 1B  
Samuel 5T  
Willow 6A

Cooper RHM  
Orla 3G  
Scarlett 5MC

**LOVE**

**Deanery  
Values**

**FAITH**

Lucas 2JR  
Maria-Eleni 2R

**HOPE**

**JOY**

Sarah 2JR

Masha 3C

**PEACE**

### **Pupil Voice**

Dhiaan RHM said "We've been learning about the Gruffalo. We went for a walk through the woods."

Ollie 1B said – "In History we are learning about our school and when it was built. Our teacher told us about when she was a little girl. There was a blackboard in the classroom and the chairs were all made of wood."

Elizabeth 2JR said - "Little Red Reading Hood went through a scary wood, and we went through the school woods to experience this".

Evan 3C said – "I enjoyed using playdough to make the United Kingdom."

Willis 3G – "I enjoyed the plough dough models. Can I do it again at the end by adding rivers and roads? (Geography- United Kingdom)"

Amelia and Daniel 5MC said – "In Science, we have been learning about the solar system and it's eight planets. We made some mnemonics to help us remember the order of them. These include: My Very Evil Mother Just Swatted Uncle's Nose and My Very Eager Mum Just Served Up Nachos!"

Max 5T said - "I learnt loads about the Maya including where they lived which was called Mesoamerica."

Vienna 6A said – "We've been learning about migration in our new topic and have explored the reasons why groups have migrated to Britain. We have also been learning about racism and apartheid. Y6 have been busy completing their Level 2 Bikeability course - we have been cycling on the roads and have learnt the necessary skills."

### **Back to School - Managing Winter Illness**

As students return to school, it is important to be aware of the winter illnesses currently circulating and the best ways to protect your child and others. The following blog gives more information on "Back to school – 5 things to do to help manage winter illness".

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/01/05/back-to-school-5-things-to-do-to-help-manage-winter-illness/>

### **Little Hollies Nursery open morning for September 2023 admissions**

We will be holding our Little Hollies Nursery open morning on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 9.30am – 11am for admission into Nursery in September 2023. Watch our new video of a day at Little Hollies nursery <https://youtu.be/m3fHOb2d8Ak>.

Application forms will be available at the open morning or from the school website <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/parents/nursery> and must be submitted to the School Office by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Please call the school office to book a place on 0121 351 6441.

## Programmes of Study Spring term



Our Programmes of Study for Spring have now been uploaded to the 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 this term.

## Thank you for your support

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm for the Santa Run, the children absolutely love this fundraiser! The total raised is £2261.25. This will be going towards the KS2 outdoor area. Top of the list is the 'little libraries project'; look out for some popping up soon!



## School Site Safety

Please can you ensure that you use the paths in and out of the playground and please do not walk across the MUGA.

Please do not park in the staff car park to drop off or collect your child especially at 4.30pm as children are being dismissed from after school clubs and will be walking across the car park.

## 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.

### January 2023 recommendations

Non-fiction book of the month -

#### **All The World's A Stage by Sarah Walden**

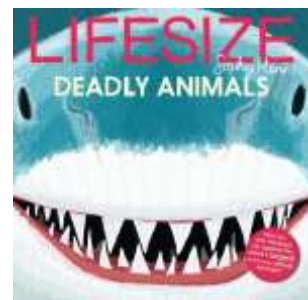
This dazzling nonfiction hardback will entrance any child who dreams of a life and career in film or on the stage. Covering practical tips on how to make short films and plays, guides to behind-the-scenes roles in TV and Hollywood, and a history of performance since ancient times, 'All The World's A Stage' will motivate children to get involved in drama, musicals and the screen. It is perfect for KS2 children and to inspire extended learning projects.



Picture book of the month -

#### Lifesize Deadly Animals by Sophy Henn

Younger children will marvel at the vibrant life-sized depictions of *super deadly animals including a caiman alligator, shark's teeth and a slow loris*. Part of a life-sized series including dinosaurs and baby animals, this is a spectacular large-format picture book to share with younger children. Highly recommended.



## Parent Governor Elections

We have two vacancies for Parent Governors, please look out for your email on Monday 16 January where you will find full details of how to apply.

## Thank you letter from Birmingham City Mission

### Birmingham City Mission

The Clock Tower, 2 Langdon Street, Birmingham B9 4BP  
Tel: 0121 766 6603 Email: [office@birminghamcitymission.co.uk](mailto:office@birminghamcitymission.co.uk)  
[birminghamcitymission.org.uk](http://birminghamcitymission.org.uk)



Deanery Church of England Primary School

15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Thank you, Deanery Church of England Primary School, for your kind donations towards our Toylink Project, we are overwhelmed by the amount toys collected from your school! We greatly appreciate the efforts and support contributed that make this year's Toylink Project a success!

We have managed to reach 1,500 families that equates to approximately 4,000 children across Birmingham this Christmas. It has been such an amazing year for us in Birmingham City Mission as we witness the generosity & compassion of communities across the city including yourselves. Pupil, teacher, staff and parents of Deanery Church of England Primary School, we really appreciate you!

As we are working on delivering the presents to the families, shouts of joy and cheers from the children, and expression of gratitude from parents are heard at the door. These are evidence of your efforts and generous giving.

Thank you so much, everyone at Birmingham City Mission wishes you Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Every blessing,

*M Howlett*

Melody Howlett  
Office Manager  
Birmingham City Mission

## 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 Connect!

There is strong evidence that indicates that feeling close to, and valued by, other people is a fundamental human need and one that contributes to functioning well in the world.

Good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing. They can:

- help you to build a sense of belonging and self-worth
- give you an opportunity to share positive experiences
- provide emotional support and allow you to support others



There are lots of things you could try to help build stronger and closer relationships:

- Talk to someone instead of sending an email
- If possible, take time each day to be with your family, for example, try arranging a fixed time to eat dinner together
- Put five minutes aside to find out how someone really is
- Share a journey with a colleague or have lunch with them.
- Arrange a day out with friends you have not seen for a while
- Try switching off the TV to talk or play a game with your children, friends or family
- Visit a friend or family member who needs support or company
- Volunteer at a local school, hospital or community group. [Find out how to volunteer on the GOV.UK website](#)
- Make the most of technology to stay in touch with friends and family. Video-chat apps like Skype and FaceTime are useful, especially if you live far apart.

This term we will be starting start our Connect focus by making and delivering New Year postcards to our local community – look out for one coming through your door if you live locally!



## Well done Jack!

A huge shout out to one of our amazing pupils! Jack is very concerned about homeless people and always shows kindness and compassion to them. This year, he has been involved in collecting clothing, blankets etc. for Helping Hands who work with the homeless. 🙌🐻

He wrapped 60 chocolate selection boxes so that they had something to open on Christmas morning. He was desperate to go out and deliver gifts to the people directly, so just before Christmas, he went into Birmingham City Centre to do exactly that. [#kindness](#) [#charity](#) [#proudparents](#)



## BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

Our children are awarded tokens for going 'above and beyond'. Last term we collected an amazing 1044 tokens across school. Well done to Tudor house who collected the most tokens across school.

🏆👏 #fortthegreatergood #pivotal #charity



Children choose which charity (chosen by our pupils) to donate their tokens to. Last term we were supporting local charities @Acacia\_Family @MAA\_Charity @BhamDogsHome #democracy #charity. Here you can see the results and the money donated to each charity.



A huge thank you to everyone that purchased art from our Autumn gallery - all of your donations have gone towards our three chosen charities @Acacia\_Family @MAA\_Charity @BhamDogsHome

This term our head boys, girls and house captains have chosen to support 1 local, 1 national & 1 international children's charity. That means that all behaviour tokens & money raised will go to help children. @Bham\_Childrens @MakeAWishUK @Abaana #democracy #charity #greatergood

- **Local** 
- **National** 
- **International** 





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  
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ACTIVITIES

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## Our Blossom Groups



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### > WHAT IS BLOSSOM?

our Blossom group is for girls in Primary and Secondary school to feel safe, seen, soothed and secure. We offer a safe space for girls to build friendships, confidence, self-esteem, explore talents, develop wellbeing and so much more! Our Blossom Values are at the heart of all of our sessions: LOVE, TRUST, DEPENDABILITY, CREATIVITY, EMPATHY & GROWTH.

#### Primary Blossom (school years 4-6)

- Mondays 4.30pm-5.45pm | Chester Road Baptist Church B73 5HG
- Wednesdays 6.15pm-7.30pm | St. Peters Church B72 1JJ

#### Secondary Blossom (school years 7-8)

- Mondays 6.15pm-7.30pm | Chester Road Baptist Church B73 5HG

#### Blossom Bloomers (school year 9+)

- Tuesdays 6.30pm-8pm | Sutton Methodist Church B72 1QY

*£3 per session per girl*

If you would be interested in registering a girl for one of our Blossom groups, or for further information and enquiries, please email: [blossom@cherisheduk.org](mailto:blossom@cherisheduk.org)

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## Kind & Craft Club!

We are holding our Blossom Kind Club sessions for girls in school Yrs 1-3 every Saturday morning! These are a safe space filled with craft, kindness, friendships and fun!

Starting From  
January 21st:  
Saturday Mornings  
(10am-11.30am)

**£3 per week**

AT CHESTER ROAD  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Chester Road, Sutton  
Coldfield B73 5HU

**\*Cafe on site for parents!**

To sign up please email:  
[blossom@cherisheduk.org](mailto:blossom@cherisheduk.org)  
[www.cherisheduk.org](http://www.cherisheduk.org)



## Sutton Coldfield Skills and Player Development Centre

Help your child to learn new skills and techniques, while developing their overall ability within a team environment.

**Address:** Central Ground, Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1NL

**Day:** Fridays

**Time:** 17:00 – 18:00

**Dates:** 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 17th February 2023

**Ages:** 4 – 12 year olds

**Sessions:**

Skills Centre (4 – 7 year olds)

Player Development Centre (8 – 12 year olds)

Girls Development Centre (8 – 12 year olds)

**Email:**

[amber.wassell@avfc.co.uk](mailto:amber.wassell@avfc.co.uk)

[www.avfc.co.uk/foundation](http://www.avfc.co.uk/foundation)

Registered Charity No: 1152848



**ASTON VILLA  
FOUNDATION**





# SUTTON SOCCER COACHING CLUB



AT MERE GREEN SCHOOL  
(OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S)  
MERE GREEN, B75 5BL

**STARTING SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**

## 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 28 years courses we are expanding the soccer coaching programme for 2023. The new course will start on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January** 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)

