

→ The WOW, walk to school initiative has certainly gone down well with children across the whole school. They have enjoyed making a difference each week and collecting badges, for the greater benefit of our community.

Thank you for your engagement and providing your children the opportunities to travel to school by alternative modes of transport - other than cars.

To this end, and to continue to ensure the safety of all of our school community, please can I request that when parking and driving vehicles we do so with pedestrians in mind.

Please do not park on pavements, forcing pushchairs into the road.

Please do not park across neighbour's drives, or indeed actually on their drive!

Whilst we are working with our allocated PCSO, they are not available all of the time and I therefore make a plea to your conscience to follow the Highway Code at all times and not just when a law enforcement officer is around.

As adults, we are modelling the behaviours for the adults of the future, our children will be taking on board the everyday examples that we are demonstrating. Let us all make sure that these are the right examples.



GRACE

Avneet - 1BM
Spencer S - 2MS
Bridget - 4P
Lois - 4R
Zach - 5MC

Harry - 2MS

Sienna T - 3T

Phoenix - 4P

Isobel C - 4R

LOVE

FAITH

Ben - 6A

**Deanery
Values**

HOPE

JOY

Tommy - 4P

Ben - 4R

Harrison - RHM

Simrah - 2R

PEACE

Phase News

In Nursery this week, they have been exploring Numicon and finding the correct piece to represent the amount of counting bears. They have been very creative making a surprise for their Mummies but shhhhhh, you'll have to be patient and find out what it is on Mothering Sunday. Finally they have been trying really hard to write their first names.

Reception's focus text this week is 'Handa's Surprise' where they have been exploring where Handa lives and how it is similar or different to their home environment. Children have also been exploring the composition of 7, understanding different ways of making the amount. In RE they are learning about Palm Sunday and how Jesus returned to Jerusalem.

Year 1 have been practicing poems, dances and readings linked to their mother's day service. We were very proud of the Year 1 children for all their hard work during the service. They have also been learning about height, length and mass in Maths.

Children in Y2 and 3 have been busy preparing and rehearsing at school and church for our Mother's Day Services. We look forward to going to St John's for the services later this week.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been busy making Mother's Day cards, enjoying having some secret storytellers in to our classrooms and we're really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Friday.

Pupil Voice

Connie (RHM) - "Handa had 7 fruits in her basket but they all came out by animals and there was lots of tangerines left. My favourite fruit is strawberries".

Nylah (1BM) - "In English we have been writing about 'Our Trip to the Woods.' We described what we saw and what we touched and we used alliteration - it's when 2 words start with the same letter."

Frankie F (2MS) - "We had so much fun building a bug hotel in Jones' Wood!"

Ottilie R (3T) - "I enjoyed making 3D shapes using nets in DT as we are going to be making our own pencil holders and this will help me."

Bradley C (3T) - "I enjoyed English as I was writing a story and I used powerful verbs and good adjectives that made my story sound really good."

Thomas (4P) - "In English, we have been looking at writing a persuasive advert about Stroodles - a pasta alternative to plastic straws. Today we researched on their website."

Jack (4P) - "Friday is International Women's Day so in whole class reading this week, we have been learning about inspirational women, like Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst. I thought Marie Curie was the most interesting to learn about."

Tommy (4P) - "In DT, we are making electric buzzer toys using wire. I like that it's technology and I get to work out and solve problems."

Maisy (5MC) - "We've been sending letters to penpals in Spain. The first was in Spanish and the second was in English. We have told them a bit about us and they have sent us some questions that we've replied to. It feels like we have got a friend in Spain - it's fantastic!"

George (5MC) - "We made different types of parachutes in science to see which one took the longest to reach the ground. We found out that the parachutes with longer strings or a smaller weight took longer to land. It was a really interesting lesson."

Jess C (6A) - "I'm enjoying writing a blog for the first time about pet peeves at school because it's really funny and something we can all relate to."

Mother's Day!!

Thank you to our wonderful children in Y1 and Y3 for leading our Mother's Day services at St John's this week. The children were a credit to you all and their resounding message was one of love for their mothers and all of those special people that care for us and do so much for us.

We wish you all a Happy Mother's Day filled with joy and quality time spent with family.



Easter Services

Our Easter Service for KS1 will be held at St John's Church and will be led by Reception on Tuesday 19th 2024 at 10am and one parent per child from Reception will be invited to attend.

Our Easter Service for KS2 will be held at St John's Church and will be led by Year 5 on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 2pm. Only one parent per child from Year 5 will be invited to attend due to capacity restrictions at church.

Thank you from the PTFA

Following a plea from the PTFA for help with craft donations for their discos - we'd like to say a big thank you from both the PTFA and Deanery for the VERY GENEROUS donations!

Thank you very much, it really is appreciated!



Nursey Plea...

If you have any artificial flowers at home that you no longer want/need could you please send them in for the Nursery children to use in the garden centre and outdoor garden stall. Thank you!



Parent Walkers

We would like to say thank you to all our parents who have been parent walkers with us recently, the children would not be able to do some of these activities without your help!

We will be asking for parent walkers in the coming weeks for the Easter Services and also our Easter postcard walks. If you are able to help us we would really appreciate it. Keep an eye out on requests from the class teachers!



Nursery Applications for September 2024 Start

Little Hollies Applications

The application process for Little Hollies Nursery for September 2024 start **closes on 22 March 2024**. Please return application forms to the Deanery office, along with the relevant supporting documents. More information can be found on our website by following the link below. <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/parents/nursery>

Reception Plea...

If you have any spare or old boys and girls underwear, socks, tights and trousers or PE kit, Reception would gratefully receive them to replenish their stock.

Thank you!!!

School Dinner Price Increase

The school dinner price will increase to £2.80 per meal with effect from 8 April 2024. Our in house catering team work really hard to ensure that our children can enjoy a nutritious home-cooked school dinner created with good quality fresh ingredients.

Unfortunately, over the last 12 months we have seen significant increases to food costs and salary related costs. As with all schools, our funding is reducing in comparison to rising costs and we therefore need to pass on part of this cost to our parents.

We believe that the price still provides value for money and we understand the importance of serving hot dinners, so that you can be sure that your child receives a nutritious meal in school each day. We have a three week rolling menu which changes each half term, giving the children plenty of choice. The menus can be found here <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/parents/menus>

Wednesday Roasts and Friday Feasts

If your child has packed lunches but would like to have either Wednesday Roasts ,Friday Feasts or both in Summer 1 then please fill in the form below.

Friday Feasts will be pizza, sausage and breaded fish on rotation. Meals will be added to Scopay in due course. The cost of a School meal is £2.70 per day.

Please reply by Friday 8th March.

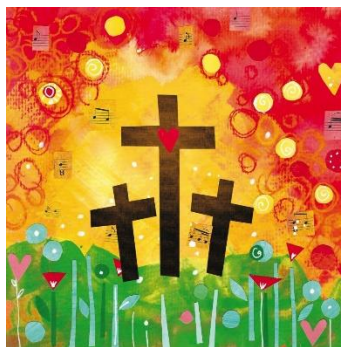
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Easter Postcards

As a school, we are committed to a continued focus on mental health and wellbeing. Following the success of an initiative to connect with our community in the new year, we will once again be delivering positivity postcards to spread an Easter message to our community. Each class will be going out to deliver to our neighbours on roads in our local community in the week beginning 18th March- look out for one coming through your door if you live locally!

This deliveries will take place on a 'walking bus' first thing in the morning after drop off and we would really appreciate any help to accompany each class and help with the posting. Class teachers will let you know which day is scheduled for your class.

If you are able to spare an hour or so to help bring a little positivity to our community, we would be really grateful.



Book Fair

Look out for our Book Fair coming to school from Fri 15th - Thurs 21st March 3.30-4.00 in the KS1 Hall. This is a pop up book store with hundreds of great books from just £2.99 to be found and you can use your @WorldBookDay voucher as part payment!

Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you!



Attendance at Deanery

Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time

ATTENDANCE	DAYS ABSENT	WEEKS ABSENT	KS1 LESSONS MISSED	KS2 LESSONS MISSED
95%	9	2	40 lessons	45 lessons
90%	19	4	76 lessons	95 lessons
85%	29	6	116 lessons	145 lessons
80%	38	8	152 lessons	190 lessons
75%	48	10	192 lessons	240 lessons
70%	57	11.5	228 lessons	285 lessons

Good attendance - Best chance of success

Attendance requires improvement - less chance of success

Attendance concern - serious impact on education

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



We have lost over 280 days due to unauthorised family holidays this academic year. That's over 1000 missed lessons!

Our current whole school attendance is 95.5%



Deanery CE Primary School

PARENT VIEW

95%

of parents say their child is happy at Deanery

98%

of parents say their child feels safe at Deanery

92%

of parents say their child can take part in clubs and activities at Deanery

94%

of parents say that school makes them aware of what their child is learning

95%

of parents say that there is a good range of subjects

94%

would recommend Deanery to a friend



Thank you for taking the time to complete Parent View. We have had 130 responses - that's 51% of the school community.
Spring 2014



School Ties

The Uniform Hub, your trusted uniform supplier, has kindly donated some Deanery school ties to the school, which we are selling at a discounted rate of £7.50.

With all proceeds going into our School Fund, which is used to fund some of our capital and curriculum enrichment opportunities.

Most recently School Funds of £10,000 were used towards the new ship play area in the playground and activities for Science Week.

Ties can be purchased from the school office via cash only.



Junior Duke

We hope those children enrolled on the Junior Duke scheme are still enjoying completing their tasks.

Thank you to all parents for your support!

We will have a KS2 meeting on Tues 19th Mar at lunchtime in the KS1 Hall to sign off any new tasks and a KS1 meeting on Wed 20th Mar.

Don't forget to bring your books! Don't worry, you still have plenty of time (in fact until July!) to complete 7 tasks!

Two promotional posters for Junior Duke meetings. Each poster features a gold shield with 'JUNIOR DUKE™' written on it, set against a background of red and blue paint splatters. The left poster is for KS2 and the right is for KS1. Both include dates, times, and locations for the meetings, along with a note about bringing books for signing off tasks.

Year Group	Meeting Date	Time	Location
KS2	Tues 19th March	12.15-1.00	Craft Room
KS1	Wed 20th March	12.00-12.45	KS1 Hall

If you have completed any tasks, bring your books in to show us and we can sign off your tasks

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March 2024

RED NOSE DAY

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March 2024.

Red noses will be on sale in school from Monday 11 March - if your child wishes to buy a **Red Nose** from our School Council, please send them in with £2 next week.

On Friday, children will be able to wear their **Red Noses** in school. Which nose will you get???

MEET THE RED NOSES...



GIGGLESWORTH

The fundraising legend who cries with laughter, young Gigglesworth, oozes fun and giggles - but you can't not love the cuteness!!! Gigglesworth is the cuddliest of the Red Noses, though cuddle them too hard and you might get a bit, er, gooey! Snot good!



MCCHORTLES

Introducing the livewire that is Chortle McChortleface III, but we shortened it as they can barely introduce themselves without losing control! The life and soul of any party is McChortles - laughing so loud in fact, they have been banned from libraries and other quiet places!



SMIRKLETHORPE

This cheeky little wise cracker loves telling gags. In fact, it's their favourite hobby, alongside tennis and knitting. And when it comes to jokes, they know all the best ones - dad jokes, knock-knock jokes, silly ones, tall tales and good old slapstick, they just so happen to nose them all. Honk!



LOL E POPS

Our sassy, sniffly, snuffly and, at times, very snorty little Red Nose. When they're not fundraising for us, they be rolling around the floor laughing themselves blue in the face! Either that or getting up to some mischief on your face!



THE GOLDEN HOOTER

Some say it laughed its own face off. Others say that you can see it sparkle from outer space. Whilst some believe it will one day be sold at auction for billions. Yes, the Golden Hooters are sacred, plated in 24 carat gold leaf; there's a one in just 166 chance of getting one, so if you're lucky enough, guard it with your...well, your nose!

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.



ChatHealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse
for confidential advice and
support on **07480635485**

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting **STOP** to our number. Please respect your schools mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.



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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](#)

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ACTIVITIES

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ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

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To register your interest please email: hello@cherisheduk.org



At St Peter's Church Maney



29th March 2024 10am-12 noon

**Come and join us for worship,
songs, activities and Hot Cross
Buns too! All the family is
welcome.**

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officestpetersmaney@yahoo.co.uk

**Or talk to our children's team in
church.**

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