#### **Deanery Church of England Primary School**

# NEWSLETTER



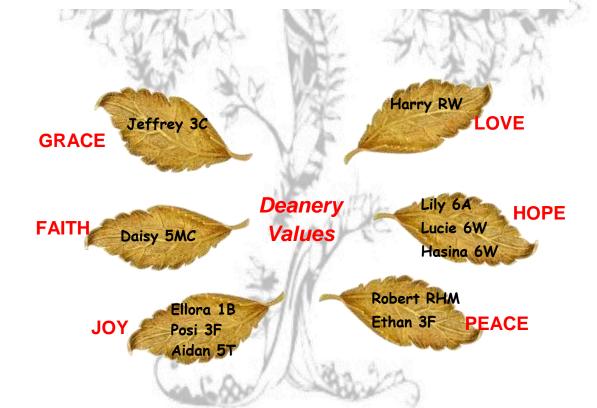
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16th June 2023

The summer is here, but the weather has not been kind to us. The thunderstorms on Sunday evening unfortunately caused significant damage to our school library and the reception outside learning space. These areas will not be available for children to access until work has been undertaken to make safe and repair. Thank you to Mr Clarke for his swift actions which prevented further damage to our school halls. Children will still be able to access books through their class library and their year group 50 recommended reads.



Please can I request that visitors to school respect our school grounds and stick to the paths. The MUGA is becoming damaged with constant traffic as a shortcut is taken from the back gate to the playground. We value this resource which cost school a large amount of money and whilst we have the surface maintained, we can not afford to have to spend money on repairs that could be avoided. Thank you for your cooperation





Suranne RHM - "We got to bring our favourite toy into school and we have been making something special for the weekend."

Eva 3C – "I enjoyed Creative Arts Week, my favourite thing was making our stop motion videos!"

Elizabeth 3F - "Yesterday I really enjoyed reading our new non-fiction text and learning all about skeletons and muscles." (English)

Abigail 3F - "I loved looking at our new PE topic of cricket, as I do it out of school and can practice." (PE)

Viya and Vedika 5MC – "Last week we had creative arts week in school. Our favourite projects were dancing and stop frame animation making. The theme across all projects was identity and we really enjoyed being able to express ourselves and create our own dances and films based upon our own ideas and characters that we created."

Rosabella 5T - "I liked the dance and movement day because we started moving straight away with a guided dance and it got us all excited for our day exploring movement."

Eva 6A – "I enjoyed doing the 3D mark making in creative arts week. We made our own self-portraits our of things like clay, pipe cleaners, cardboard and string."

Liam 6A – "I enjoyed how the last 2 weeks have been interactive doing lots of different projects. I'm enjoying our writing this week based on our production."

Asher 6W - "I have enjoyed rehearsals for our Y6 production."

#### Library Books

Unfortunately, our library suffered quite extensive flooding during last weekend's storms, we are therefore in the process of assessing our library stock. Could we please ask that you have a good look at home anywhere that a school library book might be hiding!

Once books are returned, this will help us to assess the amount of stock that we still have and indeed the amount that we have lost due to flooding.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Whole School Worship Day

We had a fabulous day across the whole school on Wednesday celebrating worship and prayer together in a variety of creative ways. We were thrilled to have many visitors supporting us with the day and are very grateful to all of them for their input. The day ended with a whole school act of worship where Rev Ann spoke to us, reminding us that prayer is not difficult and Mr King led some catchy songs enabling us to 'make melodies to the King of Kings!'

We hope that children have come home talking about what they experienced during the day. Here are a few pictures that might help you to start those conversations.



Be the light bookmarks – we can be light in the world



Paper plate spirals with the parent prayer group



Fingerprint prayers – we are unique



Sung worship with Mr King



Praying for those who are special to us with Kat



Worship through dance with Katie

#### Whole School Worship Day - continued





We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers and helpers that made the day extra special for our children.

#### KS2 Adventure Playground



Now you see it, now you don't....!

You may have noticed that our adventure playground has disappeared...watch this space for exciting developments!

#### Father's Day Competition Winners

A HUGE thank you to all of the dads and family members that engaged with our Father's Day competition; we loved reading your recommendations!

Your fab reviews made our judging job very difficult but we are pleased to announce that our winners are....

Mr McAvan



I am holding the first book I ever genuinely read cover-to-cover, all on my own, in a single sitting: Roald Dahl's **Fantastic Mr Fox**.

I cannot remember how old I was, but it was on a school night sat in my parents' lounge. I was at Boldmere First/Middle School and I had always thought reading was a boring chore that had to be done as homework, much like tidying my bedroom, doing my times tables or helping with the washing up after dinner. Real fun lay in playing football and imagining all sorts of adventures with my friends involving pirates or soldiers or cowboys. I believed that such adventures and ideas only existed in the minds of my fellow classmates and occasionally on TV. There was no way grown-ups could create such worlds of fantasy (I believed they had always been grown-ups — perhaps having been born that way) as they lacked the courage, flare and devil may care attitude required to join in with our gang.

I started reading with a heavy heart... wondering if I could ever possibly finish an entire book of boring prose, written by a miserable adult. ???!!!

As I turned the pages and became immersed into the world Mr Dahl had invented... I was beamed into a new dimension! Here was a realm more wonderful and exciting than I had been able to dream up (even with the help of my siblings or friends). How could my opinion of books change in so short a time? What power was this working through me and flowing from the pages? How had I not seen this before? How had I ever lived without this pleasure and this parallel universe in my life? Within a few hours my entire outlook on such things had been entirely reversed and all of it was positive and promising.

What other books and adventures were out there for me to discover? Would there be enough hours in the day for me to read them all??!!

I owe **Squadron Leader Dahl** a debt that I can never repay.

#### Father's Day Competition Winners

#### Mr Davis



My childhood book recommendation is 'The Witches' by Ronald Dahl. I was given this book as a Christmas present by my parents in the hope that maybe I would get the bug of reading of which they both had! Well it worked as this magical tale had me hooked and I'm still an avid reader to this day!! The story is about a young boy learning about witches and how to spot them from his cigar smoking grandmother, and it really captured my imagination! The story is full of fun and interesting characters and it keeps the young and not so young reader on the edge of their seat all the way through to the end!! I still have the book now which I treasure and can't wait for when my children are ready to read this and enter into the wickedly world of witches!!!!

#### Area Athletics Competition

A huge congratulations to all the children from years 3 -6 who took part in the Area Athletics competition at Wyndley Leisure Centre on Wednesday this week. The children competed brilliantly in throwing, jumping, running and relay events and their behaviour was a credit to Deanery, especially in the very warm conditions! We are so proud of you all!



#### Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <a href="https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/">https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/</a> 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.

June 2023 recommendations

#### Last Girl In: Kerry-Ann Fights to Stay in the Game by Cheryl Diane Parkinson

Kerry-Ann has loved cricket ever since her Jamaican grandpa showed her how to hold a bat. But bullies at the local club want to exclude her and her friends. With an empowering and satisfying ending, this accessible and pacy short chapter book is perfect for summer term book clubs in KS2, class reauing outside in the sunshine and Windrush-themed topic teaching.

8+ year-olds | Video trailer | Author's Twitter

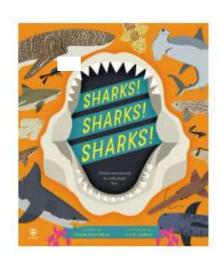


#### Sharks! Sharks! by Susan Martineau

Find out whether a shark really wants to eat you or not in this awe-inspiring nonfiction book that's packed with detail. And it's not just a fabulous fact book about sharks, but a deeper dive into how they live, work together and protect their young.

Beautifully illustrated, this large format hardback is perfect for both KS1 and KS2 libraries.

5-10-year-olds | Publisher's Twitter









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

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DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE
ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES



A morning of crafts and kindness! For boys and girls in school years 1-3!

Join us for our Kind
Club sessions for girls
and boys in school
years 1-3 over the
summer holidays!
These are a safe
space filled with
craft, kindness,
stories and fun!

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#### DETAILS:

31st July & 23rd August

10-12pm @ Chester Road Baptist Church, B73 5HU

£5 per session, per child













WELCOMING NEW BEGINNERS TO

## DEANERY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

14 Fox Hollies Rd, Walmley Sutton Coldfield. B76 2RD MONDAY 5.30 - 6.30PM WEDNESDAY 5.30 - 6.30PM

### THE SANCTUARY

Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale, B35 7PX

FRIDAY 5.30 - 6.30PM

To register text: child name / class location

t: 07730 899722

e: info@kombatkids.com

w: www.kombatkids.com

f: www.facebook.com/kombatkids











# SUMMER

Our Summer Holiday Workshops

JOIN US THIS AUGUST FOR OUR WORKSHOPS!



#### DETAILS:

Every Tuesday - (Primary Age Girls & Boys) Every Thursday -(Secondary Age Girls).

9.30am-3pm £25 per child

To register a girl please email: blossom@cherisheduk.org

To register a boy please email: roar\_boys@roaruk.org

Over the summer holidays we will be running creative workshops for children to have fun, be themselves and feel safe, seen, soothed and secure!

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