

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break

In the blink of an eye, here we are at half term! It's amazing how quickly the time has flown. The children have made a strong start to the school year and we are proud of the progress they have made. Now that they have settled well, we look forward to building upon this further. There will be additional learning opportunities starting after the break and we hope that as many children as possible take up the opportunities given wherever possible to take their learning forward. Over the holidays, please try to keep the reading going! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 30th October (Monday 29th October is teacher training day). Have a great half term break.

You helped us to raise £150.90 for Macmillan and £286.50 for Jeans for Genes. **Huge thanks**

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Remembrance Activities



On Sat 3rd and Sat 10th November the following crafts are available at the village library from 10.00am - 11.00am.

- Create poppies of various styles and materials. 11.00am –noon. Stain glass, montage or transparent effect laminated poems and images
- Noon- 2pm. Paint glass tea lights

Help create a display that commemorates the fallen.

On the 10th a two minutes silence will take place.

Family event all ages welcome but under 8's must be accompanied by an adult. Free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.



For older children and adults...

By popular demand, James Hornsby returns to Deanshanger Library to perform 'Great Expectations' on Friday 16th of November 2018 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 and include light refreshments. See the village library for more information and tickets.

Please note that a new date needs to be set for the maths and English curriculum evening printed in the school diary. We will be sharing the new date as we return from the break and apologise in advance for needing to make this change.



Future Job Day was a good chance for us all to think about the skills that we might need in years to come. Thank you for supporting your children so well, joining our parade and to Mr Strathearn for inspiring us in the assembly.

We are really pleased that nearly all of the initial phase of work for the kitchen is now complete with the shutters being fitted over the break. We are already recognising the benefits of the new lay out and hope to be able to find fundraising options to complete the project very soon. With improved facilities we are pleased to be able to extend use to the local community including pensioners shortly. Our first special event will be opening up Fresh Start Christmas lunches to pensioners in Deanshanger free of charge on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December on a pre booked basis. Watch this space for further information. This will be a special opportunity to share delicious food and a Christmas atmosphere with the community.

This year marks one hundred years since the First World War came to an end and as a result we would like to make a very special art display on the village green to recognise this. A few days before the 11th November, you will start to see the children's creative art work start growing. Families in FS, KS1 and KS2 are warmly encouraged to bring in a plastic drink bottle to help with their poppy idea -<http://www.pennyblogs.com/crafts/plastic-poppies-a-remembrance-day-craft/> If you are not in these year groups fee free to send in a bottle anyway because spares will be great and can also be used for other recycling products in the school. If you would like to make a family poppy to add to our art display, you are very welcome.



PTA Updates On Saturday 1st December, the PTA have planned a special morning of events including a Santa Run for adults and children (sponsorship is encouraged or £5 entry), stalls, a raffle, tombola, refreshments, a room for children to buy gifts for adults and, of course, the opportunity to visit Santa! Please keep the date in your diaries. If you would like to host a stall, please make contact with school in the first instance.

This will be a fun morning of seasonal activities and will continue the PTA's successful fund raising.

Disco dates : 9th November, 8th February and 17th May

Thank you for supporting the school's lottery—funds have now raised £500 towards the school crossing patrol. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> Please sign up!

Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child

On an annual basis we invite families to put a Christmas shoe box together to support children in less fortunate circumstances. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> If you are able to put one together, the boxes should be in school by November 18th at the latest. Thank you



Governor Corner

There have been many highlights to this first term but it has also been very busy and challenging. Governor Activity since the last newsletter:

- 10/10 HT/CofG catch up Meeting with report given to GB
- 11/10 Ofsted Ready Sub Committee meeting to update and review process and documents
- 11/10 Parent Governor Open Evening for anyone wishing to find out more about the role
- 12/10 Closing date for nominations for the Parent Governor Role which had been advertised in the newsletter and via Parent Mail – with just 1 nomination an election has not been required. Governors will be welcoming Chris Stevenson to GB later this term and induction training will be starting in Term 2. In addition to Chris's commitment to DPS, this appointment will add further depth to financial, management, recruitment, IT skills and experience to governance
- 16/10 Parent Action Group – governors participated in both sessions at 2.30pm and 6.00pm and although we would always welcome the opportunity to speak to more parents at the sessions we appreciate the feedback from those who were able to attend – thank you for getting involved!
- 16/10 Governors meeting with the LA Adviser to share feedback and ideas
- 18/10 Governors Learning Walk: an opportunity for GB to observe, challenge and support DPS on different areas of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this current academic year

Have a great half term. Hopefully you will have an opportunity to relax and have quality family time at some point during the week!

Thank you for your support for DPS and governance this half term.

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In addition to the items in the school calendar and home/school diaries, we will be holding a mufti day on **Friday 23rd November**. Children are invited to wear their own home clothes and bring an item for the PTA's tombola stall on 1st December. Items such as wine and chocolate are warmly invited, thank you. Please leave all and any items at the school gates in the green boxes.

Apologies for the delay opening the gates on Friday morning. We always endeavour to do this on time, but there was a staff briefing that slightly overran. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

The next Rocksteady concert is on the morning of 4th December

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