

Fantastic News

After a strong staff training day on Monday based on developing maths strategies, it was good to welcome back the children on Tuesday and bring the school back to life. Over the half term break the school was very busy with a fun Wrap Club, lots of painting work, computer upgrades and the fitting of the shutter for the new kitchen. Off site however, there was even more exciting news as Deanshanger Parish Council voted to grant us over £14,500 to put towards the fit out costs for the kitchen! This is a phenomenal amount of money that makes a huge difference to us. Since we started fundraising approximately 12 months ago, we have been constantly delighted as funds came in from families, small projects, our PTA, Garfield Weston, Fresh Start and now this very generous amount from the Parish. Our grateful thanks go to everyone that has supported us and allowed us to get to the point that we can almost fit out the new space as a functional kitchen for us all now and for future generations. The new kitchen will allow us to easily provide the daily lunches for children at DPS but also opens up additional opportunities for school and PTA and community use.



We are on the final push for funding now and hope to secure other funding possibilities to allow us complete the project before Christmas wherever possible; we are looking for approximately £8000. Thank you in advance for all and any suggestions and huge thanks again to the Parish Council. We are now very very close!



★ Please be reminded that the PTA are running school discos this week

Friday 9th November

3.15pm — 4.30am for FS and KS1
6.00pm - 7.30pm for KS2

Secure your tickets via Parentmail.



As a Seasonal Gesture,
Deanshanger Primary School
would like to invite
Senior Citizens of the village
to our
Christmas Lunches
on
13th or 14th December 2018
at 12 o'clock
This event is free of charge,
however, places must be reserved
in advance and numbers will be limited.
Please call the school office on
01908 268920 to reserve your place!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A date for your diaries:

Maths and English curriculum overview meeting for parents / carers

2.30pm and 6.00pm on Thursday 15th November

An important meeting to understand subject expectations and how you can support these at home. Try to save the date

Please check your child's hair very carefully for head lice and eggs as we are aware that our school population has expanded this week! Hair should be treated as needed, and combed through thoroughly before children come into school.

The following article provides comprehensive advice
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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



As you'll have seen, the village has been dressed with special poppies to recognise the centenary of WWI this week. In school we are busy making our poppies too and these will be displayed on the Green this week. Feel free to add to our display with poppies that you have made with your family at home. Please also note that the school council are selling poppies and other items at break time each day. Year 6 have also written Remembrance Day poems which will be shared with Barbara and Russ (our representatives for the British Legion) for the annual poem award.

As always, we will be recognising Children in Need on Friday 16th November. Full information about the plans for this day will be shared on Tuesday.



Governor Corner

To support and challenge the school and understand the all embracing role of the governor, three sessions of new governor training are currently underway.

This week we are starting lead governor meetings with subject leaders in school to understand the action plans for the year ahead and support improvement. We will also be holding a personnel committee meeting.

If you have any questions about governance, please make contact and/or look on the governors page of the website.

Thank you

Deanshanger Governors

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We have recently decided that the astroturf bank at the back of the school by the top playground has provided lots of fun but needs to be replaced. The area was installed many years ago but has recently been the site for a couple of injuries and for this reason we would like to call on the community to help us change the structure. In the coming weeks we will be calling on volunteers to help us convert the area in to a stepped terrace, but first we would like to call on any parents or relatives that could help us come up with a design for the area so that we can try to source free materials for the project. If this is your field of expertise, please make contact. Thank you

As you are aware, the area outside school is very congested at the beginning and end of the school day. Please continue to take great care when driving in the vicinity of school, reduce your speed and take care not to block access for our neighbours. Wherever possible walking, scootering or cycling to school is encouraged (children must wear a helmet for bikes).

A couple of families have been given permission to park near the school gate so please ensure that you allow them to slowly park and leave. We have two disabled parking bays and these must be kept clear at all time to allow parking for those that need it and for rapid drop off and pick up in exceptional circumstances. We recognise that the congestion can be frustrating, but thank you in advance for your patience. Please also be reminded that not all disability is visible.

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

Mufti Day

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

Milton Keynes Panto

Mrs Godwin released the last 40 tickets for the annual trip to the panto this week—oh yes she did! Family PP vouchers can be used for this trip.

Friends of Deanshanger Library

Remembrance Activities



On 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.



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 (with amazing prizes), 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.

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