

# Healthy School Week

This week, like all others, we will be focusing on ensuring that the children have full access to a multitude of activities to help them lead healthy lifestyles whether through their morning snack, freshly prepared lunches from Fresh Start, drinking lots of water, PE activities, extra sporting opportunities like 'Run a Mile in style', sports leaders running special lunch time activities, the Listening Ear, BNTO .... the list is endless!

In recognition of all the opportunities that have been developed for the children, we have been selected as a model school in the county. On Thursday Paul Evans, Healthy Schools Coordinator and a list of VIPs, will be visiting the school and sharing in numerous activities. This is an exciting opportunity for us all.

All this week children will be pushing themselves to complete an 'in-school' healthy challenge with 14 activities—the list was shared earlier in the week. We encourage all of the children to be as active as they can. We are even following suit as staff and have a week of after school fitness sessions planned.

Fingers crossed that we have a week free of heavy rain as this will allow children to come in at 8.30am each morning to run their mile before school starts.

**Please come and look through the lost property at the end of the day tomorrow and help us reduce the mountain—thank you**

## Safety in the vicinity of school

**On a regular basis, we share reminders about being extremely careful as you park or drive past school at the beginning and end of the school day. On Friday there was another very close call for a student because a driver was travelling too fast. Please, please, please slow down and look extremely carefully before pulling out. A couple of minutes delay is far better than a dreadful accident.**

## Colour Fun Run

It is really encouraging to hear how many children are in training and collecting sponsorship for the forthcoming Colour Run on Saturday 10th June.

Please spread the word far and wide so that this is a really special and unforgettable event.

★ On Tuesday we will be launching a new RE challenge for children across the school. Watch out for the details. ★

Our Year 2 children are coping really well with the SAT assessments that are currently being presented to them. These tests form part of the teacher's overall assessment of where the children sit in terms of attainment; the result from the test itself is not the only evidence used for an end of year assessment.



As of September something new and exciting is coming to Deanshanger Primary School. Forest School will be held weekly for each year group, alternating for each class. Offering a more holistic approach it is recognised that outdoor learning is extremely important for a child's all round learning. How the environment works, how to look after it and making masterpieces from it may encourage future wildlife experts and botanists.

[www.forestschoolassociation.org](http://www.forestschoolassociation.org)

To enjoy the experience it is important that the children are wearing the correct protective clothing. Therefore we ask as of September as part of the school uniform the children have in school waterproof trousers, waterproof coat and wellies.

Please let me know if you have any further questions and also if you can offer any skills or time to help out on any of the sessions.

Allison Penwell, Forest School Leader  
Jo Tolley-Goodger and La-vinia Kelsey, Deputy Forest School Leaders

Year 1 parents are reminded to come along for a short meeting on Thursday (25th) at 2.45pm regarding the forthcoming phonics testing. Please come along to Mr Russell's classroom.



## Friends of Deanshanger Library

May half term holiday activity

Free May and Morris Dancing Themed Crafts  
**Thursday June 1st**  
Deanshanger Library  
3.00pm-5.00pm drop in session  
Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.  
Take home a mini May Pole  
Create tissue paper flower or bell head, wrist and ankle bands  
Listen to traditional Morris Dancing Music  
Make lollipop stick versions of the longsword "lock"

Open Book Afternoon on Thursday 3.00pm-4.00pm. Come and share your children's work in books and on display.

**A new look school website is coming soon providing more information and up to date images about our busy school.**

## Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a new governor to join our strong team and would like your help. This is not a parent governor role, but you are the best group to ask because you might know someone in the local community that could bring real strength to our governing body.

In order to compliment our skill set, we are particularly keen to secure a governor with a building and premises back ground.

Please pass this information on to anyone in the community that you feel might have the skills set, time, energy and commitment for this voluntary position.

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Stephanie Hibberd, will make contact with applicants. Initial contact should be made through admin.

Thank you

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