

Open Communication

Please be reminded that we actively encourage you to share your views, thoughts, grumbles and ideas with us at all times. This can take the form of a chat at the end of the school day, a phone call, a letter, an email or making an appointment. These meetings are extremely important and help us to help you. Whilst Facebook is very popular, we would prefer that you contacted us directly so that we can make changes or explain items as required, thank you.



Information about a new whole school reading challenge will be shared with children this week. We would really appreciate your support with this to help develop your child's love of reading and the skills that come from it. Our thanks go to Emily Rodrigo, Logan Brockett and William Godwin, newly appointed Reading Ambassadors, for helping to create this challenge.



Recruitment

Fresh Start are currently seeking a Kitchen Assistant for our school. The contract is 17.5 hours term time only. If you are interested, send your CV and a covering letter to: selena@freshstartcatering.uk

Travelling to school results

We have recently carried out a survey to find out how the children are travelling to school. We were pleased to find that 62% either walk to school or use a bike or scooter—this is a great figure. We do recognise that the village is big though and that some of you live outside Deanshanger, so walking all the way is not an option. As part of the Healthier Child programme we will continue to encourage the children to have as much daily exercise as possible.



A date for your diary :

Saturday 3rd December

PTA Christmas Fete

12.00pm—2.30pm

Your child has recently designed a Christmas card and their design is coming home today! This design can be made in to cards, tags, mugs or tea towels. Payments are due by Wednesday 16th November via ParentMail; we are unable to send off late orders. Please see the mail sent home this afternoon for further information.

Non uniform / Mufti Day

Friday 25th November

Operation Christmas Child Thank you to those of you that have already made up a gift for the Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal. The collection date is **Tuesday morning (15th)** so if you are planning to make one, please ensure it is in school by the start of Tuesday. These will make a huge difference to the children that receive them.

All children are encouraged to bring an items for the PTA tombola, e.g., chocolate, wine, toiletries....

Thank you to the PTA and all helpers for running a fun FS/KS1 magic show and KS2 disco.



Children in Need

Friday 18th November

The theme this year is 'Spotacular'. Children are encouraged to wear non school uniform and their spottiest clothing possible and bring in a donation. Footwear should be sensible but does not need to be regular schools shoes. We will be giving out some small prizes to the spottiest children!

Parents' Evening

Many of you have already signed up (via ParentMail) to see your child's teacher next week. Please try to do this wherever possible so that information about the start of the school year, progress, attainment and target setting, can be shared. If you have any difficulty with ParentMail regarding this, please let us know.

If you are unable to make the meetings on Monday and Tuesday (Monday and Wednesday for Year 1 Tigers only) please speak to the class teacher to try and find an alternative date and time. If you unable to make a planned meeting, please ring the school so that the teacher is aware. All meetings are in your child's classroom.

Please ensure that your child has a coat and jumper in school daily now please. Hats, scarves and gloves would also be great. Leggings are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

Run a Mile in Style

Every Monday and Friday for Y2-6 children (and parents) from 8.30am. Please come in via the KS2 gate.

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