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## Co-Headteachers' newsletter

Dear Parent,

This has been a very eventful year and we trust your child has enjoyed it. We are very proud of the achievements of our children and staff. Our school continues to develop and move from strength to strength and this was reflected in our School Improvement Partners report which said:

*'Behaviour for learning and focus in class was exemplary across the school. Strong relationships and high expectations were evident. Inclusive and supportive in all classes with SEND pupils well supported by TA's, Pupils are respectful and on task in lessons. Eager to share learning and speak to visitors. Pupils have a positive view of learning, love a challenge and demonstrate commitment to their school and community.'*

We're aware of the heightened financial pressures that many of you may be facing at the moment. As such, we want to emphasise that our staff are not expecting any 'thank you' gifts from pupils and parents. Please remember that information about Holiday Clubs, and other community events and services can be found on our website.

It is with some regret I need to inform you that we say goodbye to **Rose-Marie Parker**, she leaves us to retire and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Also leaving us this term is **Gulsen Salihson**, one of our Classroom Assistants. She will still continue as Midday Meals Supervisor and Afterschool Care Worker. They have both worked hard for the children of Deptford Park and they will be missed. We thank you for your effort and commitment to our school. Please read the separate letter, also attached, from the Chair of Governors about the changes to the Leadership Team of the school.

There has been an opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher this week. Information about their class and teacher will be sent out with your child's report shortly.

As you may know, the Mayor of London has extended the KS2 Free School Meal scheme to ensure that **ALL** primary school children in the capital can receive free meals for the next academic year.

Please return all **school books** to school before the summer break. If you have lost or damaged a school book please contact reception and make a donation to the school towards a replacement.

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Co Head Teacher: Ken Johnson  
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May we remind you that we break up on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3.20pm**. We start again on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**, including our new Reception, unless you have been notified otherwise.

We wish all our year 6 children every success in the next step of life's journey. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer break. Thank you for your support and have a pleasant and safe holiday.

## **Co-Heads**

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The following outlines the information you need to know about the start of the new academic year:



## DPPS Plan for Opening: September 2024

The school day will start at **9.00am** (please arrive before this) and school will finish at **3.20pm**.

		<b>Start time</b>	<b>Break time</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>End time</b>
<b>Phase 1 and 2</b>	<b>EYFS</b>	9:00am Enter via the EYFS Gate	N/A	11:45am – 12:45pm Play in Infant Playground	3:20pm Exit via the EYFS Gate
	<b>Year 1</b>	9:00am Enter via the Main Gate	10:30am- 10:45am KS1 Playground	12pm-1pm Play in Infant Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Main Gate
	<b>Year 2</b>				
<b>Phase 3</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	9:00am Enter via the Main Gate	10:15am- 10:35am KS2 Playground	12:00pm- 12:45pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Main Gate
	<b>Year 4</b>				
<b>Phase 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	9:00am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:40am- 11am KS2 Playground	12:45pm- 1:30pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
	<b>Year 6</b>				

We ask parents to collect and drop off swiftly to avoid congestion. Parents will be able to drop and collect from designated areas in the playground. On site parent meetings with staff will be by invitation only.

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

All children return to school. The school day starts at **9.00am** please arrive 5-10 minutes beforehand and school will finish at **3.20pm**.

### Vertical grouping

This academic year we successfully vertically grouped year 1 and year 2 children. This means that both year groups were taught in the same class together. Our teachers are highly skilled and are able to plan effectively to meet the needs and abilities of all the children in the class. This year we are extending this arrangement to year 3 and 4. Please be assured this has no reflection on your child's ability and is just a way that many schools choose to group their children to learn as two-year groups and within mixed ability classes.

### Lunch and Play Times

All breaks will be staggered by Phase and children will be allocated areas of the playground to play. **Cont...**

## Uniform

All children are to wear full school uniform every day, as well as wearing PE kit during physical education lessons.

## School dinners

Hot lunches will be available and all children can have a free hot meal. Please sign up for free school meals if your child is entitled to them. <https://lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>. This provides additional funding for the school and access to holiday meal vouchers while that government scheme is running.

## Communicating with the class teacher

Parents may not always be able to speak to the class teacher after school or in the morning. Instead, parents are able to email the class teacher using the class email address. [classname@deptfordpark.org](mailto:classname@deptfordpark.org) for example: [pearl@deptfordpark.org](mailto:pearl@deptfordpark.org). Teachers will respond within 48 hours during term time working days. More urgent requests should go to the office via an email or phone call.

## Home Learning

The majority of homework will be delivered via Google classroom.

## Breakfast and after school clubs

Breakfast and after school club will start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## Extra-curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular Clubs will run in the first-half of the Autumn Term and will begin week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Places will be allocated in the first fortnight.

## Attendance

All children are expected to attend school regularly and maintain an attendance of 96% or above in line with Government guidelines. Absenteeism will be monitored and parents will be required to explain every absence period promptly.

## Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed in the playground after school this week on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Any items not claimed will be donated.