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Headteacher's newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

A big welcome back! For all our new families we warmly welcome you into our school community.

As I walked around the school this week it was great to see that the children have settled in well to their new classes and are ready for the year's learning adventures. The children look incredibly smart and grown up in their school uniforms, all credit to you. Thank you!

This week the children are focused on our whole school project set around our **School Values** which are key to how we work together as a school community and in life: Integrity, Kindness, Respect, Leadership, Resilience and Sustainability. Please ask your child about what they have been doing.

I have included some key information below which I hope you will find useful.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Kind wishes,

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Headteacher

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Headteacher: Leona Baffour



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 for example: 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 spaces

There are spaces available in both and are extremely competitively priced, so please contact the office on 020 8692 4351 if you are interested in securing your child a place. Please also note the later finishing time of After School Club which is now is 6 pm.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular Clubs will run in the first-half of the Autumn Term and will begin week commencing 16th 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.