



# DEPTFORD PARK PRIMARY

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term. We have been really busy since the start of this half term. A lot of our learning is captured on Social Media, and we continue to focus on Reading, as well as Spellings and Multiplication. School Council led our Poppy Appeal (more on that later!) it's been Anti-Bullying week, World Kindness Day, Nursery Rhyme Week, World Diabetes day and our Year 3 girls and a group of Year 6s have started some really exciting leadership programmes! Some of these things we report on in this Newsletter, and some we will leave until the next one. We are keeping our Social Media up to date, so if you haven't followed us yet, please do and pass on to any family and friends in the community. The children are preparing their Christmas productions, please see the dates below. Performances start at 2pm. There is some important information in this newsletter about Lewisham Family Hubs, a FREE Winter Playscheme and slight changes to our KS2 pick up requirements. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office. Your child's teacher is look forward to meeting with you at **Parents' Evening on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, don't forget to sign up for a slot!

### Dates for your Autumn Diary

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November ~	Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November ~	Flu Vaccination in school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November ~	Rescheduled individual photos
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December ~	Last week of clubs
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December –	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December ~	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December ~	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December ~	Christmas Dinner
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December ~	Last day of term and End of term Party



**Class assemblies start promptly at 9.15am in the Infant hall.**

You are welcome to sit in the hall from 9am (after you've dropped your child/ren off)

Please arrive in good time, as the assemblies are around 15 minutes long. If you are late, you run the risk of missing the assembly!

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Pearl Class**

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Friends of Deptford Park

Join the PTA!



We are looking to start up our PTA again, and we need you! If you are interested, please speak with Marie or e-mail:

[friendsofdeptfordpark@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:friendsofdeptfordpark@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk)

### Join us on Social Media!

We are very proud of the work we do at Deptford Park, and we would like to show it off to as many families as possible! Please follow us!



Deptford Park Primary School - 7 followers



@deptfordparkprimaryschool – 37 followers



@deptfordpark – 373 followers

Look out for a text to give permission for your child to be included in photographs on our social media pages.



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support this Remembrance Day – we raised an amazing **£140** for the Royal British Legion. A special thank you to Catherine, Rachel and Diego's mum, who knitted and crocheted several beautiful poppies.



Everyone has been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. The School Council prepared art lessons for the whole school to do, as a time of reflection.



The whole school came together at 11am on Monday 11th to hold a 2 minutes silence in remembrance of those who have lost their lives in conflict around the world. The children were very respectful and considerate, and we are very proud of them.

## Lewisham Family Hubs



You would have recently been sent a text outlining information regarding the Lewisham Family Hub and what services they can offer. Their website has more details on the offer and information, such as contact emails and numbers, for each hub.

You can visit any hub in the Lewisham area. The nearest Family Hub is at Clyde Nursery, and they can help with things like housing, For more information please follow the link to their website:

<https://lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk>

## Winter Play Scheme at Deptford Park

There is a **FREE** Play Scheme on offer for our families who receive HAF vouchers.

It will run on the **30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December**, and **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

**Places will fill up quickly, so please book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.**

**To apply, click on your voucher, then select Kids Vogue Stars, KVS Deptford Park Winter Playscheme.**

### Attendance

We will continue to monitor attendance very carefully and remind you that holidays **should not** be taken during term time.

**Please keep all non urgent appointments to outside of school hours.**

The best attendance so far this academic year are:

**1st ~ Emerald Class    2nd ~ Sapphire Class**

**3rd ~ Quartz Class**





Thank you so much for voting for us at Tesco - we came **1st!!!**  
 We have been given £1,500, which will go towards refurbishing our back field.

### Aspire Higher

A big thank you to Genesis Impact, who have started a Leadership Programme with some of our Year 6s.

During the first session, the children spoke about their Role Models, and most of them said you - their parents!

We look forward to watching the children grow throughout the project, and will update you further once they are finished.



### BeIve

We are dedicated in ensuring your daughter/s are

**inspired, empowered and educated**  
*during all sessions.*

### BEAM

**Beautiful, Empower and Me**

Our Year 3 girls have enjoyed their first session of their Stepping Up programme. The programme is designed to support the girls through the transition from KS1 to KS2, building on confidence, self-esteem, resilience, empathy and empowerment. We will continue to share updates with you!



We would like to thank IVY (Inner Voices of Youth) for their generous donation, which enabled us to buy SATs revision books for all of our Year 6 children. These will really help to support them in their preparations for the end of KS2 tests.



# Supporting your child at home

Please remember to have a look at our school website for ideas of how to support your child's learning at home. You can also speak with their class teacher.

## SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

SPAG is one of our main focuses at school this half term. To be an excellent writer, you need good grammar and spelling skills.

You can help your children at home, by preparing them for their weekly spelling tests.

Here are some tips to help learn spellings:

### **Look, cover, write, check**

(look at the word, cover it up, write it from memory and then check it!)

### **Rainbow/bubble writing**

(write your spelling words in different colours, or in bubble writing, decorate the word)

### **Learn Spelling Patterns**

(children will be looking at spelling patterns in class, and tests will often test several words that have a pattern - ending in ay for example)



## Reading with your child for a short time (10 minutes) every day is so important.

Please aim to listen to your child read **every day** and make a comment in their Reading Record.



Reading Records will be checked by an adult at school regularly.

We have a school library, but it would be great if you could join your local library if you haven't already done so.



Multiplication chart

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

www.timestables.com

**Times tables** are one of the most important parts of maths. If you don't have quick recall of times tables, other maths problems become much more difficult to solve.

Please help your child to learn the following times tables:

**Year 1:** Count in 2s, 5s and 10s

**Year 2:** Learn 2, 5 and 10 times tables

**Year 3:** Learn 3, 4 and 8 times tables

**Year 4:** Learn 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables

By the end of Year 4, children should be fluent in all times tables, but please continue to practise through Years 5+6.



To support your child/ren's spelling, grammar and punctuation and maths fluency learning, we have signed up to Emile.

We will be holding a parent workshop in the new year, to show you how you can use it to support learning at home.