



# DEPTFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 20th December 2024

Another splendid term done! We hope that you have enjoyed attending our school performances, the children certainly enjoyed rehearsing and performing! We've had a busy term, which included lots of fundraising for various charities. Thank you so much for your support, we have raised really good amounts throughout the term, and this is down to your effort. Over the coming months, the Inclusion Team will be holding Parent Coffee Mornings, which are a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with professionals, without judgement, and talk through any concerns you may have about your child. Please try to attend any that are suggested to you. Parents who have attended so far have found them really helpful! It's another busy newsletter, but there's something great on each page, so please take the time to enjoy reading it. We wish you a well-deserved, restful break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7th January.

**To all our families that celebrate:  
Merry Christmas!**



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

It would be wonderful if you can join us; your children really appreciate the support.

We look forward to seeing you there!



You should have received a text with a link to our website, which shows all of the organisations that are able to offer free or low-cost meals & hot meals over the festive period. Keep checking the site as we will update as we get more details.

There is also a FREE holiday playscheme running at school, and lots of support from the Family Hubs.

[Click here for more details](#)



<b>Spring 1</b>	
Wednesday 29th January	Jade
Wednesday 12th February	Quartz
<b>Spring 2</b>	
Wednesday 12th March	Yellow
Wednesday 19th March	Red
Wednesday 26th March	Purple
<b>Summer 1</b>	
Wednesday 14th May	Silver
<b>Summer 2</b>	
Wednesday 11th June	Emerald
Wednesday 18th June	Sapphire
Wednesday 2nd July	Ruby Class

**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 - 8 followers**



**@deptfordparkprimaryschool - 58 followers**



**@deptfordpark - 371 followers**

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

**Charity Donations**

**Thank you so much for your generosity!**

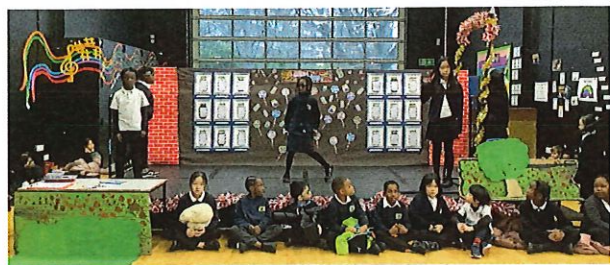
We raised a wonderful £146 for Children in Need and £112.66 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper day.



**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**



# School Performances



On Tuesday 10th December our Year 3 and 4 performed 'The Sweet Life' by Sabrina Mahfouz.

They worked in partnership with the Old Vic Theatre.

Everyone worked so hard to learn their lines - Well done to everyone involved! You can read newspaper reports about the performance written by our Year 3+4 children on their page on our website.

The children in EYFS and KS1 put on a wonderful Christmas Concert this week, modelling some excellent hats! Everyone left in the festive spirit after a great sing along. Well done to all involved, especially the children and their teachers!



## Rock Steady

ROCK  
STEADY

We all enjoyed listening to our Rock Stars perform last week!

Congratulations to The Spiral Stars, The Super Rocking Galaxy Stars and The Galactic Cats on another brilliant concert! Big thanks to Jonny, who has been teaching the children weekly.



If you'd like to sign your child up for Rock Steady lessons, please sign up at <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com>

A heartfelt "Thank You!" to everyone who came to support our children at these events. It really does mean a lot to have you cheering them along. We hope you enjoyed yourselves!

# Extra-Curricular Opportunities



## Chess Tournament at the Emirates Stadium!



Well done to Rosie, Zainab, Esther, Diego, Jason R, Ryan C, Ryan P, Jason W, Enoch, Nevaeh, Zixuan, Henry and Andrei, who represented the school at the London Chess Class event held at The Emirates Stadium.

The day started with a lesson from a **Grand Chess Master**. The children then worked in pairs to play chess against two of the Grand Masters and a few support staff from London Chess. They were very excited to be able to go onto one of the stands to see **the Emirates football pitch!** After lunch the children took part in a chess tournament against children from seven other schools. **We got an average team score of 10.07 out of 15 and came 5th in the team challenge!**

This is all the more impressive, as most of our children have only been playing chess since September and this was the first tournament for all of them! Well done, you made Deptford Park **SO** proud!



## The EFL Kids Cup Tournament



A big "Well Done!" to our **Year 5+6 mixed football team**, who played really well at **The EFL Kids Cup** tournament at The Lions Centre last week, finishing in joint **2nd place!** A special well done to **Victoria**, for her positive attitude throughout, **Inaki** for making some brilliant saves, and our goal scorers, **Busayo** and **Victoria!**



Thank you Millwall for a great morning!



## SAFETY REMINDER

Can we please remind you that Astro Turf trainers are not suitable footwear for school, due to Health and Safety.



Thank you!



## Breakfast Club – places available!

We have places available at our competitively priced Breakfast Club either every day, OR on an ad hoc basis.

KS1 - £20 a week

KS2 - £10 a week

Ad hoc daily sessions are available if required.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book

A child's mental health is just as important as their physical health and deserves the same quality of support.

No one would feel embarrassed about seeking help for a child if they broke their arm, and we really should be equally ready to support a child coping with emotional difficulties.

KATE MIDDLETON

## Children's Mental Health Week begins on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.

Mental Health is just as important as Physical Health. It's not about having a 'mental health issue' it's about being Mentally Healthy.

Keep an eye out on our website for resources for children and adults!

## Spring Term Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Inset Day  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Last day prior to Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Parents' Evening (in person)  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Last day of Spring Term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – HOLIDAY (including Bank Holiday)

Children return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Attendance

We will continue to monitor attendance very carefully and remind you that holidays **should not** be taken during term time. **If you have a medical appointment for your child**, can you please give the office as much notice as possible. Thank you!

The best attendance so far this term:

1st ~ Emerald

2nd ~ Jade

3rd ~ Garnet

## Attendance Matters

Good attendance means .....

Being in school at least 96% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not in school for holidays, appointments, exercise

190 days to make the difference

100%  
190 days  
0 days  
absence = 0  
lessons  
missed

Best chance of success  
Target for all students 96%

96%  
182 days  
8 days  
absence = 48  
lessons  
missed

95%  
180 days  
10 days  
absence = 60  
lessons  
missed

At high risk of underachievement

90%  
171 days  
19 days  
absence = 114  
lessons  
missed

At severe risk of underachievement

85%  
162 days  
27 days  
absence = 126  
lessons  
missed

At severe risk of underachievement

Attend school regularly, attend school punctually, attend school prepared!

If you are struggling with attendance, or would like to have an informal chat about how to improve it, please join the Inclusion Team at our attendance Coffee Morning on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## Friends of Deptford Park

Join the PTA!



Our first PTA meeting is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024! It will be at 9am in Copper Class. If you would like to attend, please e-mail:

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

We hope to see you there!