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## ***Headteacher's newsletter***

Dear Parent,

We are coming to the end of a very fruitful and enjoyable term. We have set challenging learning targets for your child and we will be sharing those with you in the New Year.

We have said some goodbyes during this term to Teaching Assistants **Rachel Brophy**, **Nicky Jones** and **Shakira Stewart**. **Gemma Otieno**, our Speech and Language Therapist left to develop other practice areas with the NHS. Finally, **Funmi Tula** left from our Meal Supervision team. **Alan Grocock**, who came back for this term, returns to his travels. They have all worked extremely hard for our children and given much to the school in the time they have been with us, we will miss them.

In the New Year we have some changes to our staff team. **Christina Braithwaite** Y1 teacher in Green Class and **Caroline Lines** Y5 teacher in Pearl Class are leaving us. Both will be a great loss to the school and the Senior Management Team. We wish them well.

I hope you have been able to join us for some of our winter festivities. The children and their teachers have worked hard on this year's shows. The **Infant show** was stunning. The children in **EYFS** performed last week and they were fabulous. The children in **Years 3 & 4** also did a magnificent performance. Deptford Park School definitely does have talent.

The children's **Christmas dinner** is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and the **Christmas parties** will be in the afternoon on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please join us for the **Winter Fayre** tonight after school.

Please could all outstanding **school meals** be paid for before the end of term. Some parents have not registered for Free School Meals this year. The pupil premium, a key element of the school budget, is determined by the number of our pupils who register for Free School Meals this also includes those children in EYFS and KS1.

**Lost property** will be put out in the playground next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. All unclaimed property will be disposed of on the last day of term.

Governors and staff send the season's greetings and would like to remind you to ensure your child comes to school in our school uniform in the New Year.

We break up on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** at 3.30pm and we return on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

If I don't see you before we break up have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Best wishes,

Head Teacher: Ken Johnson  
Deputy Head: Leona Baffour