



# DEPTFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 15th July 2020

This has been a most unusual, unprecedented time in history but also a sad and challenging time for many. We have very much missed the whole school community being together, but have enjoyed having the children we have been able to have back. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September, although arrangements will be different to normal (in line with the Government wider opening guidelines). Detailed plans are very much underway and we will be writing to you soon to let you know more about your child's September return. We wish our Year 6s farewell as they embark upon their next stage of learning in their respective secondary schools. We will miss you!

The school term finishes on **Tuesday 21st July** and the **school will be closed**. Finally we would like to wish all our families an enjoyable and restful summer, in the hope that better times are ahead of us.

## A NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH A DIFFERENCE The new school year commences on:

MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2020

We will be writing to you soon to let you know the arrangements with the start date and times for your child's year group.

## END OF YEAR REPORTS and TRANSITION

Your child's end of year report will be posted out shortly along with information about your child's class teacher for next year. Please ring the school office if you haven't received it by Monday 20th July.

Teachers will be in touch virtually soon!

## Deptford Park Statement on #Black Lives Matter

Lewisham Leaders stand together to condemn the unlawful murder of an innocent black man, George Floyd in Minneapolis and sadly those other unlawful deaths in America that have followed after, due to racism. We stand united in our commitment to tackle and challenge racism, address inequality and call out discrimination.

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**

As educators of a school population which is made up of a significant numbers of children and families from Black and ethnic minority communities, we cannot remain silent. The murder of George Floyd must prompt careful reflection about racism in Britain today, and the extent to which it shapes our values, politics and economic life. We all have a duty to address systemic racism in our society and uphold this in our united condemnation of the unlawful murder of an innocent black man, George Floyd.

Deptford Park Primary School is a warm and welcoming place for everyone. Our core values include kindness, integrity and respect – these are at the heart of all we do. We are always here for you, regardless of your race, sexuality, gender, religion or anything else which makes you, you.

Today and every other day, all of us at Deptford Park stand as one in the belief that racism is an abhorrence that we reject. Our community needs and deserves to feel safe in the belief that we condemn all acts of racism and violence.



## Children will be expected to return to school in September in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

Which is:

Polo shirts/shirts ~ White  
Trousers/ skirts ~ Navy Blue/Black  
Jumpers/ cardigans ~ Navy blue  
Tights and socks should be plain either Black/Navy or White

When buying uniform please **do not** buy grey trousers or skirts.  
Thank you

## Arrangements for School Dinner Payments

Due to these difficult times we have been forced to make changes to the way we can accept dinner money from September

All dinner money must be put into a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. We are unable to give change so please put in the correct money, whatever money is in the envelope will be entered against your child's account. Dinner money should be paid for a minimum of one week in advance.

There will be a drop box at whichever entrance you will be using.

A copy of this newsletter can also be downloaded from the school website: [www.deptfordparkschool.co.uk](http://www.deptfordparkschool.co.uk). Also follow us on twitter @deptfordpark or download our free app



# Activities for the Summer:

## 6 must dos over the Summer break

1. Read, read and read. Undertake the library challenge. Keep a diary.



2. Ask a grown up to help you do something to develop a life skill such as cooking ( e.g. help make a simple meal) or money management (planning a budget for a food shop). Help your grown-up out at the same time.

3. Have fun by getting out and about (safely of course). Take a walk or a bike ride with a responsible adult.



4. Keep your mind active and in gear by choosing some fun online learning activities and don't forget about mathematics or bug club. Please visit our home learning page for online activities and games.



<http://www.deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk/home-learning/>

5. Play a game of chess online. Sign up and play is free until 31st August. Parents just need to sign up via this link:

<https://www.chesskid.com/register/kid/group/JM3YTC>



6. Play a board game with your family and without cheating!



## ATTENTION CHILDREN:

### IMPORTANT ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE

Follow the family rules, and those set by the Internet service provider.

Never post or trade personal pictures or reveal personal information, such as your names or address, phone number, or school name and location.

Use only a screen name and don't share passwords (other than with the adults who take care of you).

Never agree to get together in person with anyone met online without parent approval and/or supervision.

Never respond to a threatening email, message, post, or text.

Always tell a parent or other trusted adult about any communication or conversation that was scary or hurtful.



### Online advice for parents

Keep the computer in a **common area** where you can watch and monitor its use, not in individual bedrooms. **Monitor** any time spent on smartphones or tablets or any place where kids could use a computer without your supervision. Take your child **seriously** if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange. **Talk** to your children! Keep an open line of communication and make sure that they feel comfortable turning to you when they have problems online.



**A BIG thank you** to local artists Claire Cousins and Will Jones. They kindly volunteered to paint sunflowers 2 meters apart (using eco friendly spray paint ) so the children can physically distance in a fun way! For those of us in school they have brightened up our day!



# Get a one-off payment if you are struggling due to COVID-19

There is an emergency payment for those eligible for Universal Credit who are facing further immediate, financial hardship due to COVID-19 and have no other assistance available. If you have no income as a result of losing your job or ability to work, you may qualify for a one-off payment.

The payment is a grant so it does not need to be paid back. It does not replace any other form of support from the Government.

## Can I apply for the grant?

To apply for the grant you must:

- not have an earned income
- have savings of less than £6,000
- be a permanent Lewisham resident
- be liable to pay rent, bills, a mortgage or council tax
- claim or have made an application for Universal Credit.

There may be a delay in Universal Credit being awarded. You can claim for immediate support if your initial payment from Universal Credit is delayed.

## How much will I receive?

The grant will be a fixed amount based on:

- the number of people in your household and their ages
- **set amounts of money that the Government suggest you need to live on.**

## How do I apply?

Fill out our online application form. You will need to provide:

- a contact number
- an email address

If you disagree with our decision, you may ask for it to be reviewed. Any decision following a review is final and you have no appeal rights.

**Visit the link below:**

**<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/benefits/get-financial-help-if-you-are-struggling-due-to-covid19>**

You need to log in to your My Lewisham account before you apply





# Deptford Park Primary School

## Term Dates 2020/21



### AUTUMN TERM 2020

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day prior to Half Term Holiday

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term 2020

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January - HOLIDAY**

### SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day prior to Half Term Holiday

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February - HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April- HOLIDAY**

### SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED (1 DAY)</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day prior to the Half Term Holiday

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June - HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of the Summer Term