



DEPTFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2020

A very big welcome back. We have truly missed everybody! Although things are quite a bit different from "normal" the children have certainly returned back to school eager to learn, and somewhat grown! The children look really smart in their school uniforms—thank you! A very special welcome to all our new children and families. We hope you will enjoy a long and happy association with our school. The school has spent the first couple of weeks working enthusiastically on a whole school topic, based on the topic of "Here we are," which has very much focused on the children's well being after such an unprecedented lockdown due to Covid-19. The project has certainly helped the children transition into their new year groups and classes smoothly. We do hope you enjoy the sign of the week which is "hello", shown beautifully on the back of this newsletter by one of our year 3 children. We hope you enjoy practising it too!



October is Black History Month

We are looking forward to celebrating this with the children.

One of the resources we will be using is Stormzy's animation movie entitled, "Superheroes." This version has been especially created and adapted for school age children. Please find this version using the you-tube link below:

<https://youtu.be/q-EW4-B11hw>

On the 9th September 2020, Stormzy stated in the Independent online newspaper: "I think it's important that you guys (children) understand how powerful you are...Despite the colour of your skin, despite where you come from, despite your religion, despite whatever it is that you feel may be holding you back; you are a superhero... I wanted to make this video to inspire you guys, to let you know that the sky is the limit. To let you know that all those things inside of you, make you incredible."



Welcome meetings will be on zoom. We will text you the link and joining instructions for your year group meeting.

EYFS—6th October at 5pm
Y1—29th September at 5pm
Y2—30th September at 5pm
Y3—7th October at 5pm
Y4—8th October at 5pm
Y5—1st October at 5pm

Secondary School transfer meeting for Year 6 parents

Please be reminded that this meeting has been rescheduled for **Wednesday 30th September at 5pm** via zoom. This is an important meeting that you should attend.

Here are some useful links:

Applying for secondary school:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/before-you-apply>

You can sign up to receive Lewisham's weekly emails about the secondary school admissions process using this link: <https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/d7402e3-404ptedd>

Open days

It's looking less and less likely that secondary school open days will happen as usual. Some schools are already planning virtual tours and online presentations/meet the staff etc. Lewisham have created a webpage to make it easy for parents to find this information in one place using this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/secondary-schools-open-days>

School Meals: Year 3 to Year 6

Payment for the school meals for the Autumn Term will be: £157.50

7th September — 23rd October = £78.75

2nd November — 18th December = £78.75

Dinners are £11.25 per week payable in advance.

Please put your dinner payment into an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and hand it to the person on the gates.

Packed Lunches

As we are a healthy school please remember that packed lunches should **not include** juice, chocolate bars, sweets, or large cakes.

We recommend a sandwich, fruit, a healthy snack bar etc.

Water is provided in school.

Please can we remind you that we do not allow nuts in school

Gate & Times

Can we please remind you of the start & end times.

Please do not be late either at the start or end of the school day, as this compromises the procedures put in place for the safety of everyone.

EYFS 8.55am—3.20pm

Year 1 8.50am—3.10pm

Year 2 8.30am—2.50pm

Year 3 9.10am—3.30pm

Year 4 9.10am—3.30pm

Year 5 8.50am—3.10pm

Year 6 8.30am—2.50pm

Thank you

If you feel maybe entitled to Free School Meals

Please apply on line

www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You will be eligible if you receive any of the benefits listed below

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, but who are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190 are entitled to Free School Meals.
- Guarantee element of pension credit.
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test

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