



# DEPTFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th October 2020

First of all a really **BIG THANK YOU** to our whole school community. This half term has gone extremely smoothly and months of hard work have certainly paid off preparing for the wider opening of our school during these unprecedented times because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, parents and our children alike have selflessly put aside their own individual needs and inconvenience (without complaint) and courageously adapted to new ways of working; whether that be through the staggered school timetable, getting to grips with new technologies, or having to change working patterns that are so different from how we traditionally do things. This has all been because we want to do our best to help keep our entire school community as safe as possible. Thank you for your overwhelming support, patience and kind words. It's greatly appreciated and makes us very proud of the Deptford Park School community. We wish you a restful and safe half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 2nd November 2020**.

## Gate times are changing!

We have carefully monitored how well the children are coming into and leaving school and how efficient we have all become! So in order to minimise the time many parents are left waiting for their children in different year groups we are now in a position to amend some gate times from **Monday 2nd November** after half term, which are as follows:

Year group	Start time	Finish time	Gate
Nursery	9.00 am	12.00 noon	Nursery gate
Reception	8.50 am	3.20 pm	Reception gate
1	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Main gate
2	8.30 am	3.00 pm	Main gate
3	9.00 am	3.30 pm	Football pitch
4	9.00 am	3.30 pm	Main gate
5	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Football pitch
6	8.30 am	3.00 pm	Football pitch

**The success of this refined gate time very much depends on your prompt punctuality so please ensure your children arrive and are collected on time!**

We will continue to keep this under review in our endeavours to help keep everyone safe and maintain the integrity of our year group bubbles.

Both our **Wear Red Day** and our **International Day** went extremely well. The International Parade was amazing! We look forward to sharing some pictures with you from both events after half-term and report on the money we raised for charities which promote anti-racist education across the UK.



## WE NEED YOU!

**VACANCY**

We currently have:

### 2 PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Ever felt you'd like to get more involved in the strategic life of the school?

Please email Clare in the school office at: [Info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:Info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk) to express your interest or to find out more. We are happy to answer any questions you might have about the role or have an informal chat.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Year 6 Secondary Transfer**  
Please remember that the deadline for submitting your application is **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

Don't leave it until the last minute!

## Date's for the Diary:

Parents' evening will be on: **Monday 9th November 2020** and will be arranged virtually. More information to follow shortly.

Flu Vaccinations will be on Thursday 26th November 2020

### Attendance

#### Classes for best attendance this half term

1st	Jasper ~ 98.05%
2nd	Emerald ~ 97.27%
3rd	Garnet ~ 97.2%



#### Payment for school meals for the 2nd half of the Autumn Term

2nd November—18th December £78.75

Dinners are £2.25 a day or £11.25 per week payable in advance.

#### SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Today Deptford Park was a sea of red in support of Show racism the red card

We raised a fantastic **276.39**

Well done Mohamed, one of our talented artists here at Deptford Park. Such outstanding Art and Design work!



#### Remember to stay safe online over the holiday!

### eSafety Tips

**1** People you don't know are strangers. They're not always who they say they are.

**2** Be nice to people like you would on the playground.

**3** Keep your personal information private.

**4** If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, tell a grown-up you trust.

### Free School Meals

If you know or think you may be entitled to claim free school meals for your child, we would strongly encourage you to apply.

[www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

The school receives extra funding to be spent on your child.

More funding means extra resources for your children.

Thank you

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[www.deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk)

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