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Community Newsletter:

A message from the Chair of the Governing Body

Outdoor Play and Exercise

As well as Chair of the Governing Body I am also a member of a new group, Play Evelyn. We are determined to improve the parks, playgrounds and play spaces near our school. I want to tell you a little bit about what we are trying to do.

Our parks, playgrounds and green spaces are very important to us all, in particular those of us who do not have our own garden or balcony. Whilst there have been some improvements, such as new benches and bins, the playgrounds have been neglected. Some of them, until Play Evelyn spoke up, had been locked since March.

You will have noticed all the new building in the area. Developers have to pay money to the council to improve facilities in the area. Play Evelyn want some of this money used to improve outdoor play and exercise in the area for all ages and abilities.

We have submitted a plan to the Mayor and Council. This was based on previous consultations with residents and children carried out by a variety of local groups over the years as well as really good examples of playgrounds in neighbouring boroughs. We have the support of Vicky Foxcroft, our MP and I hope we will have yours. I will be in touch later about how, if you want to, you can support us.

You can contact me at <u>s.smyth@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk</u> or speak to one of the Parent Governors, Dani Bigland and Chante Holness for further information.

By the way, we currently have vacancies for Parent Governors. Get in touch if you are interested with me, Dani, Chante, or a member of staff.

Thank you

Sue

Head Teacher: Ken Johnson Deputy Head: Leona Baffour

