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

Dear Parent,

This has been a very eventful year and I trust your child has enjoyed it. I am very proud of the achievements of our children and staff. Our school continues to develop and move from strength to strength.

It is with some regret I need to inform you that **Anne-Marie Leighton** is leaving us to retire. She has served the Deptford Park school community for 18 years with diligence and a commitment to ensure it thrives. She is an impressive leader and we all have great admiration and respect for her achievements. **Elaine Kiendrebeogo** is also retiring after 21 years working at our school and a long and successful teaching career. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing them both all the very best for the future and happy and joy filled retirements.

In addition, we say goodbye to 4 teachers **Rebecca Dawkins, Duncan Morrison, Mia Lye and Jane Timothy** who leave us to take up new challenges and opportunities. They have all worked hard for the children of Deptford Park and they will be missed.

I am pleased to inform you that in September joining our teaching staff are **Owen Harvey-Williams** and **Safiya Bent-Wynter** as Class Teachers.

In addition, we have **Cherry Matharu** and **Jenny Duong** training as teachers on the Teach-First programme from September.

There was an opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher earlier this week. Information about their class and teacher will be sent out with your child's report shortly.

Please could all outstanding **school meals** be paid for before the end of term. Any money that is not collected has a direct impact on the school budget. This means fewer teaching resources in our classrooms.

Please return all **school books** to school before the summer break. If you have lost or damaged a school book please contact reception and make a donation to the school.

May I remind you that we break up on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3.20pm**. We start again on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**, except for the Reception who have a phased start and parents will be notified by individual letter.

With temperatures expected to reach 34 degrees on Monday and 32 on Tuesday, I want us to work together to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely as we approach the end of term.

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The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer, and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to skin cancer in later life.

Your child's health and wellbeing are very important to us, which is why we have decided to:

- Increase the amount of school time spent learning about sun protection.
- Encourage children to wear hats and light uniform tops when outside.
- Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 15 sunscreen.
- Encourage the children to take shade breaks.
- Ensure children are drinking water 'little and often'.

You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed hat.
- Ensuring you apply sun cream before your children come to school.
- If necessary, giving sunscreen permission to allow the school to provide the school sun cream for them to self-administer (which they will be supervised undertaking).
- Providing your child with a suitable water bottle which can be easily refilled.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe end to the term. Now onto next year...



## DPPS Plan for Opening: September 2022

The school day will start at **9.00am** (please arrive before this) and school will finish at **3.20pm**.

		<b>Start time</b>	<b>Break time</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>End time</b>
<b>Phase 1 and 2</b>	<b>EYFS</b>	9:00am Enter via the EYFS Gate	N/A	11:45am – 12:30pm Play in Infant Playground	3:20pm Exit via the EYFS Gate
	<b>Year 1</b>	9:00am Enter via the Main Gate	10:30am- 10:45am KS1 Playground	12pm- 12:45pm Play in Infant Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Main Gate
	<b>Year 2</b>				
<b>Phase 3</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	9:00am Enter via the Main Gate	10:15am- 10:35am KS2 Playground	12:00pm- 12:45pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Main Gate
	<b>Year 4</b>				
<b>Phase 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	9:00am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:40am- 11am KS2 Playground	12:45pm- 1:30pm Play in KS2 Playground	3:20pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
	<b>Year 6</b>				

Following consultation with school staff and parents we have decided to keep some of the systems that worked well for the children from our Covid mitigations. The school day will move permanently to the structure above.

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We ask parents to collect and drop off swiftly to avoid congestion. Parents will be able to drop and collect from designated areas in the playground. On site parent meetings with staff will be by invitation only.

The following outlines the information you need to know about the start of the new academic year:

### Monday 5th September

All children return to school. The school day starts at **9.00am** please arrive 5-10 minutes beforehand and school will finish at **3.20pm**.

### Lunch and Play Times

All breaks will be staggered by Phase and children will be allocated areas of the playground to play.

### Uniform

All children are to wear full school uniform every day, as well as wearing PE kit during physical education lessons.

### School dinners

Hot lunches will be available and children in KS1 and Reception can have a free hot meal as previously. Please sign up for free school meals if your child is entitled to them. This provides additional funding for the school and access to holiday meal vouchers while that government scheme is running.

Dinner money payments will still be handed in at the gate in a sealed envelope – unfortunately no change can be given.

The office will continue to text parents the end of week balance.

### Communicating with the class teacher

Parents may not always be able to speak to the class teacher after school or in the morning. Instead, parents are able to email the class teacher using the class email address.

[classname@deptfordpark.org](mailto:classname@deptfordpark.org) for example: [pearl@deptfordpark.org](mailto:pearl@deptfordpark.org). Teachers will respond within 48 hours. More urgent requests should go to the office via an email or phone call.

### Home Learning

Homework will be delivered via Google classroom.

### Breakfast and after school clubs

Breakfast and after school club will start on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## Extra-curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular Clubs will run in the first half of the Autumn Term. Places will be allocated in the first fortnight.

## Attendance

All children regularly attend school. Absenteeism will be monitored and parents will be asked to explain every absence period.

We wish all our year 6 children every success in the next step of life's journey.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable summer break. Thank you for your support and if I don't see you before term end, have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Sincerely,

*Ken*

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