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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 and it was good this was reflected in our OFSTED report. We're aware of the heightened financial pressures that many of you may be facing at the moment. As such, we want to emphasise that our staff are not expecting any 'thank you' gifts from pupils and parents.

It is with some regret I need to inform you that we say goodbye to 4 teachers **John Saunders**, **Natalie Ramsey**, **Pete Roddam** and **Paul Barnes** who leave us to take up new challenges and opportunities. Also leaving us this term is **Janet Williams**, one of our Specialist Teaching Assistants, and **Frances Rogers**, one of our Teaching Assistants. They have all worked hard for the children of Deptford Park and they will be missed. Thank you for your effort and commitment to our school.

I am pleased to inform you that in September joining our teaching staff are **Cherry Matharu** and **Jenny Duong** as Class Teachers having successfully trained as teachers on the Teach-First programme.

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

The Mayor of London has introduced a scheme to ensure that all primary school children in the capital can receive free meals for the next academic year. In order for the school to be able to transition to this new arrangement, all outstanding dinner money must be cleared by the end of this term i.e. before Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023. 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 **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3.20pm**. We start again on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**, except for the Reception who have a phased start and parents will be notified by individual letter.

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 have a pleasant and safe holiday.

*Ken*

Head Teacher: Ken Johnson  
Deputy Head: Leona Baffour





## DPPS Plan for Opening: September 2023

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>				

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:

### Tuesday 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.

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## School dinners

Hot lunches will be available and all children can have a free hot meal. 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.

## 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 Tuesday 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.