

DEPTFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20th December 2023

This has been a fabulously action packed half-term and we have much to be proud of, especially our children. A big thank you to all our staff for their hard work and commitment in ensuring our children get the very best education and experiences. They have all earned their end of term parties! We hope you enjoyed the various productions including our termly Rock Steady Performance with our talented musicians. It was really great to see so many of you supporting the children in our first live performances since the pandemic! Please enjoy a restful and safe break and Happy Christmas if you celebrate.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in the new year on **Tuesday 9th January 2024.** Finally thank you all so much for your continued support.

To all our families who celebrate: **Happy Christmas!**



Attendance

We will continue to monitor attendance very carefully and remind you that holidays **should not** be taken during term time.

The best attendance so far this academic year are:

1st ~ Diamond

2nd ~ Emerald 3rd ~ Sapphire

Are you a raffle prize winner ?

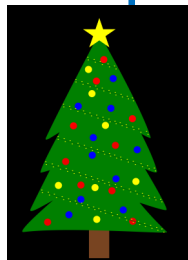


Don't forget to check our website for the winning raffle numbers. Thank you so much to everyone who bought a ticket. We raised £200 in profit which will be spent directly on the children at Deptford Park.

A big thank you!



**We raised £122.52p
for Save The Children
Christmas Jumper Day**



Term Dates

Monday 8th January ~ Inset Day

Wednesday 9th January ~ Children return to school

Friday 9th February ~ Last day of Half Term

Monday 12th ~ 16th February ~ Half Term Holiday

Monday 19th February ~ Children return to school

Thursday 28th March ~ Last day of Term

**Due to rising costs, with effect from
01/01/2024, the following charges will
apply: -**

Letters of Support - £10 per letter

Passports - £20 per passport

Curriculum highlights from this half-term...

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance

Well done to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their amazing singing in their Christmas show last week. An enjoyable and fun time was had by all. Thank you to all the parents for your support.



Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance

The children in year 3 and 4 worked incredibly hard on our production of the Inn-spectors and it was a resounding success with the parents. One of our special visitors commented on how hard the children worked to improve their projection between the dress run and the shows.

Well done everyone involved and thank you to those who came to watch!



Due to popular demand from children and staff alike, we ran our Christmas door competition again.

After School Club were our esteemed judges and the standard was high. This year the winners were... Reception!

Well done Reception and well done all!



Curriculum highlights from this half-term...

On Thursday 7th of December, we watched a pantomime performance from the duo- 'Dip and Dab', and it was wonderful. The children and teachers had a good time laughing at the antics and participating in the games such as 'Tinsel your tree', 'Ice your slice', 'Shake it off' and more. We sang along to songs, laughed at jokes, and rounded it off with the group dance- Christmas Conga.

We were able to enjoy this pantomime due to a generous donation from an ex pupil, thank you very much to Colin Stewart!



Football Focus!

The Upper Key Stage 2 girls' football team played in their first tournament of the year on Thursday 30th November, and at the end of a tough competition (and only losing out in one of the games) finished in **third place!** The team played really well, showing great determination, resilience and team work. Special mentions must go to: our goalkeeper **Cheryl**, who made a fantastic double save, when the opposition looked certain to score; **Nora**, who scored the winning penalty in the last game, and who will be Captain of the team moving forwards; and **Saima**, who was rock solid in defense.

The team really did the school proud, and are looking forward to competing in the future. Well done!



Singing to the residents of Conrad court

Some of the Year 5 children had a great time when they visited Conrad Court on Tuesday 12th December. They sang Christmas songs and Christmas readings. The residents really enjoyed the performance and we were very proud of how well the children sang, read and spoke with the residents. The children were amazed to hear some of the residents stories and the connections that they have with our school !



A copy of this newsletter can also be downloaded from the school website:
www.deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk

Also follow us on X @deptfordpark

COMMUNITY

Dear Parents,

There is a lot of help and free resources/activities available in the local area this holiday. Please click on this links:

[Christmas in Lewisham 2023: Useful Services, Free Meals and Free Food \(goodfoodlewisham.org\)](http://goodfoodlewisham.org)

For Useful Services, Free Meals, Winter Holiday Programme and Useful Contact Numbers.

[Lewisham Council - Holiday programme food and fun](#)

