

# Diptford C of E Primary School

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## Whole School Newsletter

Welcome back! What a great start to the term we have had. The children have all returned happy, positive and ready to learn. I would like to officially welcome our new pupils and their families to the school, Ruben Pink has joined in year 2, our new joiners in pre-school are Cecilia Pink, Harriet Lethbridge, Leo Hart and Ellis Walker.

Starting school in reception for the first time we have, Amelie Dugdall, Milly and Ben Knight, Bea Mills, Idris Titford, Ava Morgan-Lausare, Monty Watts and Beatrice Townsend.

### Clubs

Letters went home on Wednesday about clubs that are on offer this half term. If your child wants to attend one of them, you must return the form to the office in order to secure a place. If you want any further information about music clubs that run after school please see the office for contact details.

### Saints Southwest

Every Wednesday each class will be have coaching from a PE sports coach called Tayler Pierce. Mr Pierce started with us this week and the children had a great time playing games, learning new skills and getting to know him. Mr Pierce will also be running the after school club for Saints Southwest.

### Parent Helpers

We are looking for some volunteers to come into school at different times of the day to help with various things around the school. If you feel you could help with any of the below please can you let Rachael in the office know.

Walking bus - 8.40 - 8.50am

Helping children change their books 9.00-9.20am

Library sessions - Wednesday 2- 3pm

Or if you have a morning/afternoon free and would like to come in and do some volunteering in the classes we would love to hear from you.

### Class Meetings

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm teachers will be holding a talk for parents about the class, topic and routine. All classes will be held at the same time and I am

aware that this makes it tricky for multiple child families so teachers will prepare a handout with information on if you are unable to attend a meeting and all teachers will be happy to meet with individual parents at a later date if necessary. Reception children have had this meeting in the Summer term but please make an appointment with Mrs Siddons if you want any further information.

### **Parent Information Meetings**

This half term we will be running a Phonics and a Reading information meeting for parents. This will give you additional information about the approaches we use in school, how we teach these subjects and how you can support your child with their learning at home. Phonics will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm (Pre-School, EYFS and KS1 children) and an Accelerated Reader meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.20pm (Y1-Y6) both in the Dippers classroom.

### **New Playtime Equipment**



Thank you to everyone who donated Sainsbury vouchers last term. We have used the vouchers to buy lots of playground games and resources for the children to enjoy.

### **Flapjack Friday**

Every Friday we offer flapjack during the morning break. Towards the end of last term very few children were paying any contributions towards the flapjack and we would really like to keep this treat going. So please can you all remember to bring 20p into school on Friday's if your child would like a piece of flapjack.

### **The New Mrs Siddons**

A huge congratulations to Miss Higgs who got married over the summer, lots of you have been asking to see pictures of the beautiful bride. I know she has been sharing some photos with the children in her class.



**Facebook Page** -If you are a Facebook user, please visit our page for up to date news on school events and activities.

**Safeguarding and attendance figures:**

**Safeguarding:**

At the start of term I want to please remind you about the importance of driving and parking safely around the school at all times. We are hoping to get the walking bus up and running as soon as possible.

If you have concerns about a child at our school please raise them with Mrs French the Designated Safeguarding Officer for Diptford C of E Primary or Mrs Neil (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer).

**E-Safety Safeguarding Question for Parents:**

Have you thought about talking to your child about what details are appropriate to give out on the Internet?

Other useful websites include:

<https://ceop.police.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/>

**Attendance:** If your child is unable to come to school for any reason, please ring the office to let us know by 9am.

The attendance figures for the start of term -

Reception 100.00%

Year 1 100.00 %

Year 2 100.00 %

Year 3 100.00 %

Year 4 100.00 %

Year 5 100.00 %

Year 6 100.00 %

Whole School: 100.00 %

Expectation: 96.00

**Key dates:** Please see the table below for current dates that I have for your diaries for the next academic year. I will update these regularly as events come in and intend on adding this to

the end of the fortnightly newsletter with new dates / events highlighted in bold. *Please note that dates and times are subject to change.*

<b>September 2017</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Children:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> September	3.20pm	All classes except Rec.	Class curriculum meetings for all parents.
15 <sup>th</sup> September	3.20- 5pm	Everyone welcome	FODs bring & share welcome back picnic.
18 <sup>th</sup> September	4-5.30pm	Y3 -Y6	KEVICC Football League
19 <sup>th</sup> September	3.20 - 4pm	Pre-school, Rec, Y1, Y2	Phonics Information Mtg for Parents
21 <sup>st</sup> September	3.20 - 4pm	Y1 - Y6	Accelerated Reader Information Mtg for Parents
25 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30- 5.30pm	Y6	ICC parent meeting at Diptford
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Daytime	Y5&Y6	Class trip to Dartington
26 <sup>th</sup> September	4-6pm	Y3-6	Cross Country Event at Stover
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Daytime	All classes	National Poetry Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Daytime	All classes	Open the Book Assembly
4 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Y3-6	Tag Rugby Competition
4 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	All classes	Parents Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Y3&4	Parents Evening
6 <sup>th</sup> October	10-12pm	Y5&6	Netball Festival at KEVICC
13 <sup>th</sup> October TBC	9.15am	All classes	Harvest Assembly - parents welcome
16 <sup>th</sup> October	4-5.30pm	Y3 -Y6	KEVICC Football League
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Daytime	All classes	Open the Book Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> October	-	All classes	Break up for half term
30 <sup>th</sup> October	-	All classes	First Day back to school
30 <sup>th</sup> October - 3 <sup>rd</sup> November inclusive	Daytime	Y6	Bikeability
1 <sup>st</sup> November	TBC	All Classes	School Open Day
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Daytime	All classes	Open the Book Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November	Daytime	All classes	British Values Week
15 <sup>th</sup> November	4-5.30pm	Y3 -Y6	KEVICC Football League
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Daytime	All classes	Children in Need
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Daytime	All classes	Open the Book Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> November	4-6pm	Y3&4	Netball Tournament
28 <sup>th</sup> November	4-6pm	Y5&6	Netball Tournament
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Daytime	All classes	Open the Book Assembly

13 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	All classes	Christmas Carol Concert
15 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	All classes	Break up for the Christmas holidays
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	8.50am	All classes	School commences
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> March	Daytime	All classes	Science & Engineering Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Daytime	All classes	Sports Relief
29 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	All classes	Easter Assembly - parents welcome
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Daytime	All classes	Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Y5&6	PGL Residential

Yours Sincerely  
Ginny French

### FODs News and Events

For details about FODs activities and events or to get involved please sign up for email updates from FODS here: <https://friendsofdiptfordschool.wordpress.com/> .

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL  
(FODS)



bring & share *welcome back picnic*

• FOR ALL SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL FAMILIES & STAFF • BRING  
ONE DISH TO SHARE • FODS WILL BRING ICE CREAM

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FRI SEPT 15 | 3.20PM - 5PM  
ON THE SCHOOL FIELD (WEATHER DEPENDENT)

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