

Diptford C of E Primary School

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Whole School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to tell you that we will be moving in to the new building next week! Although it has been exciting seeing our new classroom gradually take shape over the last few months, we are now looking forward to the builders leaving so that we can prepare the room for the children on their return after the half term break. Having had a good look inside it seems much bigger than expected and will be an amazing space for our pre-school and reception children. Although we are having an official opening on Wednesday 1st November, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people involved over the years who helped to get this project off the ground and who contributed their time, money and expertise.

Open Day

Please do spread the word about the Open Day as we really do want to encourage as many people as possible to come and see what an amazing school we have.



Sparkle day

Can I please remind you about our school tidy up day on **Saturday 28th October**.

We would love to have as many people as possible to come along and tidy up the school grounds ready for the Open Day. Power tools, wheel barrows, forks and shovels needed!

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival in the church and who donated food for the Food Bank in Totnes. Your contributions were much appreciated.

A small friendly school set in a beautiful rural location where all children are encouraged to be curious, creative learners.



DIPTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
2017

Wednesday 1st November
3.20pm to 6.00pm

Help us to celebrate the opening of our **brand new Preschool building**.

Experience the magic of Diptford with Emazdad the magician.

Come and try some exciting forest school skills with our trained leader.

Fun craft activities for all ages.

Free refreshments



Alternatively, contact the school office to arrange a convenient time for you to visit

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Spots and Stripes

Our Spots and Stripes special mufti day raised a total of £60, which will be sent to Paignton Zoo to support them with their conservation work. We have even made the front page of the Totnes Times!



School Times



Just a gentle reminder that the bell will be rung at 8.50am to signal the start of school and we will have a member of staff on duty at 8.40am. If you need to drop your child off earlier than this, please contact the school so that we are aware and can make arrangements to supervise them

Parent Volunteers - We Need You!

We are looking for any parents who may be interested in coming in to help in school. It could be to hear children read, put up displays, make resources - we would give you training, make you feel very welcome *and* your support would be really appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know !



Mrs. French

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs. French will be returning after half term, although to start with this will be in a teaching capacity with Year 5 and 6. Mrs. Neil will be acting Head of School. Mrs. French's husband, Russ, is making a steady recovery and is currently still in Hospital, but hopefully he will be back home soon.

Attendance

Our attendance for last year averaged out at 96.8% which was the highest attendance amongst our 6 partner schools. Thank you for your support and we hope our record of good attendance continues as it is important that we ensure the children don't miss valuable time in school.

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

Y6 Junior Life Skills at Ivybridge Leisure Centre

Year 6 went to Totnes leisure Centre on Thursday 12th October to attend the South Hams Junior Life

Skills event. Organisations represented at the event included: the police, fire service, RNLI and Western Power who provided handy advice and tips for keeping safe in a wide range of scenarios and environments. The children represented Diptford School brilliantly and had a very educational morning!

Y6 Application Process for Secondary School Admission

With the deadline fast approaching of 31st October 2017 can we please remind parents of Y6 that you need to apply for a secondary school place by either using the online system www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon customer service centre on 0845 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned to the Admissions Team before the deadline. Late applications will not be offered a place at a school at the expense of an application which was on time. Please ensure you submit your application by the closing date.

Bikeability

Can I please remind Year 6 children to come prepared for Bikeability training on 30th October to 3rd November. They will need to bring in their bikes (please check the bike is in good working order) and a helmet.

Safeguarding and attendance figures:

If you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon, and want to speak to someone, contact the MASH team on 0345 155 1071 and give as much information as you can.

Parents can also access confidential support and advice through, Child line 0800 1111

Useful Links

For information and advice on how to protect your child from abuse on-line, follow the links below:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

The following site also gives very good information for parents from the Devon Safeguarding Board

<http://www.devonsafeguardingchildren.org/parents-carers/>

E-Safety Safeguarding Question for Parents:

Are you monitoring the sites that your child uses online?

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/>

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The attendance figures for the last 2 weeks -

Reception 99.43%

Year 1 92.66%

Year 2 99.06%

Year 3 95.45%
 Year 4 95.28%
 Year 5 97.35%
 Year 6 96.21%
 Whole School: 96.26%
 Expectation: 96%

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.*

| September 2017 | Time: | Children: | Event: |
|---|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 30 th October | - | All classes | First Day back to school |
| 30 th October - 3 rd November inclusive | Daytime | Y6 | Bikeability |
| 1 st November | 3.20 - 6. pm | All Classes | School Open Day |
| 7 th November | Daytime | All classes | Open the Book Assembly |
| 13 th -17 th November | Daytime | All classes | British Values Week |
| 15 th November | 4-5.30pm | Y3 -Y6 | KEVICC Football League |
| 17 th November | Daytime | All classes | Children in Need |
| 21 st November | Daytime | All classes | Open the Book Assembly |
| 21 st November | 4-6pm | Y3&4 | Netball Tournament |
| 28 th November | 4-6pm | Y5&6 | Netball Tournament |
| 5 th December | Daytime | All classes | Open the Book Assembly |
| 13 th December | 6pm | All classes | Christmas Carol Concert |
| 15 th December | 2.30pm | All classes | Break up for the Christmas holidays |
| 3 rd January | 8.50am | All classes | School commences |
| 12 th -16 th March | Daytime | All classes | Science & Engineering Week |
| 23 rd March | Daytime | All classes | Sports Relief |
| 29 th March | 9.15am | All classes | Easter Assembly - parents welcome |
| 23 rd May | Daytime | All classes | Sports Day |
| 4 th - 8 th June | - | Y5&6 | PGL Residential |

Yours Sincerely

Tony Callcut



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