



Newsletter - 19 January 2018

Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs Lethbridge and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mrs Siddons

Road Safety/safeguarding:

As you are aware, the road is very busy at the start and end of every day. We worked with all children on Road Safety this week using <http://think.direct.gov.uk> for age appropriate support. We have also reminded them to remain on school grounds once dropped off. Please help us to reinforce this message and be exceptionally careful at drop off and pick up times. A member of the school team will be on the playground from 8.40 to supervise; prior to that, children should be supervised by another adult. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Attendance

Target attendance rate is 96%.

Whole School attendance This week = 98.48%.

R—99.40%	Yr 4—97.62%
Yr 1—98.17%	Yr 5—98.02%
Yr 2—100%	Yr 6—98.41%
Yr 3—98.21%	

A note from Mrs Lethbridge

Hello! I am absolutely delighted to be here at Diptford as the new Head. I have been Head at Harbertonford for nearly 2 years and I now look forward to getting to know the unique character of Diptford School and community.

In response to a suggestion that the newsletter was rather long, I hope you enjoy the new look version! It encompasses all of the information you usually get but will come out weekly, in a one-stop-shop. Please let us know if there are any local or community events you would like us to include.

I look forward to working with you all and welcome anyone who would like to pop in for a chat (or a moan if necessary!).



Little Dippers

In maths, Mr Moo brought his chicken friends along to help the Reception children learn their number bonds of ten and to help the Pre-school children to begin to recognise the numbers to ten. The Reception children had to choose a chicken and read the number on the tummy then find the nest that showed the number they needed to make ten. The children used Numicon to support their learning and they displayed fabulous independence and super counting skills. Well done! The Pre-school children had to find a chicken and say what number was on the tummy and then find the matching nest. We have been very impressed with their number recognition and eagerness to learn. Keep it up!

Mr Moo also set an 'Understanding the World' challenge. Together, we explored adult and infant farm animals and then the children had to cut the pictures out and match the animals to their babies. The children used fabulous language to talk about the differences and similarities between the adult and infant animals and are beginning to use the correct names. Great!



Dippers

have been very busy this week thinking about time. This has of course included telling the time and drawing the time on a clock but has also included thinking about different intervals of time and ordering times. Year 1s have worked on matching up intervals of time to activities that we do.

Some mistakes made us laugh, such as 6 hours for lunch time and 2 weeks for a trip to the cinema! Year 2s have been thinking about how many minutes are in an hour and how many hours in a day as well as ordering times using analogue clocks.

In English we have started to think about what the characters in our text, "Story Path", would say to each other when they meet. The children acted out a conversation between two of the characters and then used speech bubbles to record the conversation. Next week we will start to write our adventure stories using the Story Path Structure.

Dates for your diary

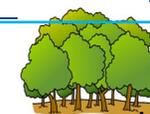
29 Jan	Hawks to KEVICC
02 Feb	Yr 3/4 Gymnastics Festival
12 - 16 Feb	Half Term
01 Mar	World Book Day
12 Mar	Science Engineering week.
23 Mar	Sports Relief
29 Mar	Easter Assembly
29 Mar	Last day of term

This week's Achievers

Very well done to the following children for their hard work this week!



Hawks	Maeve—for clearly being able to explain her understanding in maths.
Kingfisher	Silas—for being a super enthusiastic learner.
Dippers	Lara—for amazing problem solving in Forest School.
Little Dippers	Ava—for her amazing independence when writing.



Forest school sessions next week are:

Dippers—Thurs 25 Jan
Little Dippers—Fri 26 Jan

Please make sure the children have wellies and clothes to get muddy in. It is essential the children have outdoor clothing to suit the weather as we run the sessions regardless of the weather.



Kingfishers: This week we have begun learning about fractions and were able to cut up a real cake to help us understand how we create fractions and to demonstrate equal portions - we did also enjoy eating it afterwards! From this, we have calculated equivalent fractions and have started adding and subtracting fractions. In English, we have been exploring how to write different parts of a non-fiction text. We had fun thinking of exciting titles for our contents page and have practised writing an introduction and fact file.

Next week, we are going to be writing our own non-fiction page, which will be put in a class book for all to enjoy. In maths, we are going to be taking our understanding of fractions and number further by looking at decimals and how they are linked to fractions.



Hawks In maths, Hawks class have been investigating and measuring the angles in polygons. We have been creating our own 3D shapes, drawing 3D shapes and discussing their properties. In English we worked together to write the beginning of our chronological report on the Environmental Area and then independently wrote a section of the report. We began thinking about our own reports and using our homework we created a picture wheel that showed our chosen environment at different times of the day.

In PE we worked with a partner in dance to create a sequence – using our bodies as obstacles to create under and over movements. We also had a session on teambuilding playing the game mine-field. This involved one person being blind folded and the rest of the team giving directions to avoid hitting cones.

Next week we will be starting our new class text, The Day the Crayons Quit and in Topic we will be looking at our biome and learning how they have survived in their zip lock bags.

By Joe and Ptolemy

Meal time assistant

Casual appointment, term time
1.25 hours a day, 5 days per week
£7.91 per hour
Start date: as soon as possible

Diptford C of E Primary School requires a caring and committed mealtime assistant to join our friendly and supportive school team.

Responsibilities include:

- Securing the safety and welfare of pupils during the lunchtime break
- Supervision of pupils in and around the site
- Supervision of pupils whilst eating lunch
- Helping organise play activities on the playground

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

If you would like to join our friendly and supportive team, we look forward to receiving your application form which is available from Diptford School office or website.

Closing date: Friday 2nd February 2018

Harberton Parish Hall Presents The Harberton Panto Players 2018 production of:

Snow White



& the Seven Dwarfs



Thurs 1st Fri 2nd Sat 3rd
February, 7.30pm

Tickets: Adult: £10; u17: £4

from **Liz Fearn, 01803 866749**
Brenda Ganter, 01803 840980
The Church House Inn, Harberton

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An Amateur production. Script by Ben Crocker
Proceeds to Harberton Parish Hall
Reg. Charity No. 1029648