



# Newsletter - 26 January 2018

## Safeguarding

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

Safety on the road outside of school is paramount. The road is very busy at the start and end of every day. Please help us to keep our children safe by parking considerately and taking great care. A member of staff will be on the playground from 8.40am.

*We aim for 96% attendance and thank you for your support in booking holidays and making appointments outside of school time. Attendance percentages can be misleading - if we took a maths test, 90% this would be great! But this is what it really means ↓*

% attendance	Days lost in a year	By the end of primary school (Y1-Y6) this could mean...
95% attendance	9 days of absence <b>1 week and 4 days of learning missed</b> Up to 45 lessons	10 weeks and 4 days of learning lost (almost 1 term)  Up to 270 lessons
90% attendance	19 days of absence <b>3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed</b> Up to 95 lessons	22 weeks and 4 days of learning lost (almost 2 terms)  Up to 570 lessons
85% attendance	28 days of absence <b>5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed (½ a term)</b> Up to 140 lessons	33 weeks and 3 days of learning lost (almost a full year)  Up to 840 lessons



**Little Dippers** Last week in Literacy, the Little Dippers explored information books to see how and when labels are used. They used this knowledge and their fabulous phonics skills to label the body parts of a cow. This week, the children have been exploring 'captions' and writing their own about farm animals. I've been incredibly impressed with their positive attitude and independence towards writing. Keeping it up!

Also linked to our topic, the Little Dippers have been busy creating their own farm animals using clay. They were encouraged to think about the shapes they needed and about the features of the animal they chose to replicate. I have been really impressed by the level of concentration and also the pride that was taken to complete this task. Well done! I'm looking forward to seeing the finished product when they've been painted next week.. Next week, Little Dippers will be exploring 'subtraction' during our maths lessons. The children will be 'taking away' and finding out what is left using our farm themed maths resources.



**Dippers** This week in maths Dippers have been learning about multiplication. To begin with we looked at equal groups as this is an essential concept in multiplication. We have used maths equipment and pictures to represent the multiplication problems we have been looking at. Year 2s have been drawing arrays which have helped them to "see" what the multiplication problem means. All children have had a go at writing multiplication calculations. We will have another week on multiplication next week.

In English we have started writing our "Story Path" stories. We used a text map and our planning sheets to follow the structure of the book. We have worked on using descriptive language for our characters and settings. Next week we will be finishing these and editing.



## 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

## Attendance

Target attendance rate is 96%.

**Whole School attendance  
This week = 97.64 %.**

R— 93.75 %	Yr 4— 96.00 %
Yr 1— 97.31 %	Yr 5— 98.33 %
Yr 2— 100. %	Yr 6— 99.17 %
Yr 3— 98.13 %	

## This week's Achievers

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



Hawks	<b>Achiever Ptolemy</b> — for working really hard on editing and improving his writing
Kingfisher	<b>Achiever Eli</b> for his super attitude to learning in maths.
Dippers	<b>Achiever Max</b> for brilliant maths this week.
Little Dippers	<b>Achiever Idris</b> for his fabulous letter formation and beautiful handwriting. Well done!



## Forest school sessions

**next week are:**  
Dippers—Thurs 01 Feb  
Little Dippers— Fri 02 Feb

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 been busy planning and writing our own non-fiction pages about vertebrate groups. We have been able to use learning from our science lessons to help us write factually and use technical vocabulary. In Maths, we have learnt about converting fractions in to decimals. We have explored the place value meaning of decimal numbers and used this to compare and round. In our class assembly, we looked at challenging stereotypes and explored the different stereotypes people have and where they might come from. This helped us understand why people have these views and how we overcome these stereotypes. We also enjoyed researching the jobs that different people do!

Next week we are going to be moving on to our new text in English. In maths, we are going to be exploring real life fraction and decimal problems, before moving on to our next bit of learning which will be addition and subtraction.



**Hawks** This week Hawks have enjoyed writing their own chronological reports and have spent time editing, redrafting and polishing their final pieces. These can be read in our class book of reports which is on display in Hawks. They also began text mapping and discussing our new class text, The Day the Crayons Quit.

In maths they have been solving problems which require rounding, converting units of measure and today they used a range of resources to explore adding and subtracting negative numbers.

In topic the children made observations about how and why their biome in a bag is surviving despite the fact they haven't watered it in 3 weeks. This led on to discussions about the water cycle.

In music everyone managed to play an instrument following notation to accompany our song Make you Feel my Love.

**Achiever Oliver G** for being focused and enthusiastic across the curriculum.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Diptford W.I. recently hosted a guest speaker regarding the Mercy Ships The Mercy Ships are the world's largest charitable floating hospital. They bring free medical care to some of the world's poorest people. They are almost entirely staffed by volunteers. You can find more information on their website: <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>.

The W.I. asked what did the ships most need on their next visit and they said toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The W.I. would like to collect 1000 toothbrushes and toothpaste within their W.I. area and they would really appreciate the schools help to gather up donations from friends and family.

**All donations to be received at the school by Wednesday 14th February 2018**

## DIPTFORD DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISER

With School and the Church having kindly agreed that we may site the proposed Defibrillator at School, we are now going ahead to raise the necessary funds to enable us to purchase the equipment, site it and provide training to use it.  
We need to raise around £1500 to do this!

# FUN QUIZ AND RAFFLE

MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2018  
AVON INN, AVONWICK  
BY KIND PERMISSION OF SUE AND MARK

Quiz Starts at 8.00 pm  
If you'd like to eat, arrive 7pm  
Cost : £5 per team of 4 but we'd welcome donations!  
Please contact Sue 01548 821348  
[sue@franklin500.entads1.com](mailto:sue@franklin500.entads1.com)  
to enter or just turn up on the night!!