



Newsletter - 02 February 2018

What are school values and why do we need them?

Values inform our thoughts, behaviours and actions. When we use our values to make decision, we make a deliberate choice to focus on what is important to us.

In partnership with all the Diptford stakeholders, we have finally agreed our new school values. Over the next few months the children will be learning all about each value.

At Diptford School:

We value respect

We value kindness

We value curiosity

We value self-belief

We value community

We value joy



The parent questionnaire opens today and will remain open until 2nd March. We value and appreciate your thoughts so please follow the link and let us know how you feel about aspects our school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SRZ8PST>

REMINDERS:

Parent evening dates:

Little Dippers: WED 21 FEB & Dippers, Kingfishers & Hawks: WED 21 and THURS 22 FEB

Monday After School Club will finish at the end of this half term break.

As of Tuesday 20 FEB - Mrs French will be running a KS2 Sats preparation club after school on Tuesday's till 4.30. More details to follow.



Little Dippers Wow! I have been incredibly impressed with the Little Dippers this week. They have concentrated really well in maths and are beginning to understand what 'take away' means. They have been using the sheep on Farmer Seed's farm to solve lots of 'take away' maths problems. They have also been recording their thinking through drawings and writing number sentences. I am delighted with their level of independence and motivation to learn. Keep it up!

In our topic lessons, we have begun to look at the Life Cycle of a Hen. This will be consolidated after half term when Mrs Hockings will bring in some eggs for us to look after until the chicks hatch. How exciting!

In Literacy next week, we're going to be using our newly learned knowledge of labels, captions and lists to create an information book about farm animals.



Dates for your diary

05 Feb	Yr 5/6 Athletics
12 - 16 Feb	Half Term
01 Mar	World Book Day
05 Mar	Cyclo Cross, Stover
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 = 96.37%.	
R— 92.55%	Yr 4— 93.64%
Yr 1— 95.45%	Yr 5— 95.83%
Yr 2— 98.99%	Yr 6— 100.00%
Yr 3— 97.73%	



Dippers Dippers have been very busy this week solving multiplication word problems. They have had to understand the problem, work out the calculation they need and work out the answer. They have used maths equipment and pictures to help them.

Next week in maths we will be working on Money. In English we have been finishing and editing our Story Path stories. Some children have typed their stories up in Word and printed them out. We have also started reading poetry to prepare for our new sequence of work next week.

We have been very excited to see our rain gauges fill up this week and we are continuing to make our weather station. We have started recording the weather and will be continuing this weekly this term.

This week's Achievers

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



Hawks	Eleanor L for great creativity and focus in our dance sessions.
Kingfisher	Ellie P for her super perseverance and effort in Maths.
Dippers	Eddie for brilliant maths this week.
Little Dippers	Coco for settling in really well and showing beautiful kindness towards her new friends.



Forest school sessions next week are:

Dippers—Thurs 08 Feb
Little Dippers— Fri 09 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: In Kingfishers this week we have started our new English topic - Nursery Rhymes. We have had great fun sharing and learning some of our favourite rhymes and have looked at some of the grammatical features that are used in them. We have explored different suffixes and how they can change the meaning of words. We are going to use the nursery rhymes as inspiration to write our own stories next week and have already had some great ideas about Incy Wincy Spider on holiday in a flooded hotel!

In Maths, we have finished our fractions and decimals learning and have started to look back at our operations. We have practised our column addition and then practised applying this to real life contexts and to help us problem solve some tricky problems. Next week we are going to continue recapping our operations and methods.



Hawks There has been lots of laughter in Hawks' class this week as the children have been personifying their musical instruments. They have been writing sentences that use a range of different punctuation for dramatic effect and also starting sentences with subordinating conjunctions.

In Maths fractions has been our focus. The children have used bar models to help them compare and order fractions and also find fractions of amounts.

On Monday the class were lucky enough to go and watch the KEVICC production of The Wizard of Oz. They were thoroughly entertained by the high standard of singing and acting.

Next Friday, 9th February, I would like to invite you into class to come and see the amazing work we have been doing in Dance and Music. If you are able to come in from 2.20 the children are working on a performance for you all.

Saints Southwest will be running their popular Soccer Schools & Multi-Sport Camps* during February Half Term with prices from JUST £7.50** for a full course, 10am-3pm in Paignton, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Chumleigh, Kingsbridge, Newton Abbot.

Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm.

To BOOK please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.

Saints Southwest Soccer Schools offer exceptional value for money, and the opportunity for young players to improve their skills through a structured and enjoyable coaching programme devised and delivered by experienced and FA qualified coaches. The Soccer Schools are action packed days which allows children to learn new skills and improve match play whilst having fun.

Additional information: THE GAME PLAN

Warm welcome and registration, Introduction to the days skills/learning focus, Warm-up and reaction games, Coaching sessions aimed to improve players four cornerstones of Football; Technical, Physical, Social and Psychological, Fun games, challenges and competitions, Working through a structured Saints Southwest Holiday Course syllabus, Small sided games/tournaments, Educational debrief, Presentation awarding Star Players and handing out certificates and gifts

How to Book?

Please click [HERE](#) or call 01803 206350 to book your child onto a holiday soccer school.

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



In Diptford Parish Hall
every 1st Sunday of the month at 4.30pm.
All are welcome.

We are still looking for a Meal Time Assistant

Casual appointment, term time (part-time will be considered)
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

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.