



Newsletter - 08 September 2018

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Diptford Primary! The Diptford team are looking forward to a busy term with many exciting events coming up, including team sports at KEVICC - watch this space!

We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to our parent helpers who removed the wooden staging from the playground over the summer. Unfortunately, it had become rather rotten and unsafe despite several attempts to fix it, but plans are in place for future use of the space. We are very grateful for your help.

On that note, we are keen to continue improving our outdoor environment and reboot some of the projects that have worked well previously, including Paddington's Patch. So, if you would like to help with this and/or other gardening projects please let us know - Paula will be leading Paddington's Patch and Miss Setter/Miss Churchward will be developing the space at the front of their classrooms.

With our staff team in place and firm plans for a stable and positive year, we look forward to working alongside you and your families.

Safeguarding

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

Tony Callcut, The Link Academy Executive Principal, left the Trust on Friday 20 July 2018. The Trustees would like to record their thanks to Tony for the hard work he has put into the Trust from its inception in April 2016 and in his previous role as Executive Headteacher of the Totnes Federation. We wish him well for the future.

Dates for your diary

Fri 21 Sept	Phonics Workshop for Reception and Pre-school 09.00—09.30
Fri 21 Sept	ICC to meet the Year 6 parents at 4.30 pm
Sat 22 Sept	Volunteers needed for school tidy up day.
Tues 25 Sept	ICC Open Evening for Year 6 parents.
Fri 28 Sept	Tapestry Workshop for Reception and Pre-school parents 09.00 –10.00
Wed 17 Oct	Tempest Photography
16—18 Oct	Parents Evenings
22—26 Oct	Half Term
Wed 21 Nov	Diptford Open Day
Wed 19 Dec	Christmas Service AM, TBC
Thurs 20 Dec	Last Day of Term finish at 2.00 pm
24-26 June 2019	Heatree Residential for years 5 & 6 costs & payment plan to follow.



Please supply your child with an Art Apron or old large T-shirt will do to help protect the children's clothes on craft days.

SCHOOL TIDY UP DAY
SATURDAY 22 SEPT 10AM - 1PM

Please spare an hour or two to make our school look beautiful!

PE KIT (to be kept in school and returned at the end of each half term)

Children will need in school at all times the following PE kit:

Trainers (all children will require proper trainers rather than plimsolls)

- Navy shorts (cotton, jersey or football style)
- Pale blue polo shirt (available with the school logo embroidered)
- A named PE kit bag which can hang from a hook (a draw string bag is available with the school logo embroidered)
- A navy track suit or navy jogging bottoms & jumper would be useful for cold weather
Gymnastics and Dance is done in bare feet

FOREST SCHOOL for this Half Term.

Monday— Little Dippers—Reception and Pre-school

Wednesday—Pre- school only

Tuesday— Dippers, Years 1 & 2

Thursday—Kingfishers. Years 3 & 4

CLOTHING (further info attached to newsletter email)

COLD WEATHER DAYS

Waterproofs

Wellie boots

Warm tops (several thin layers are best) jumpers sweatshirts, trousers / leggings, socks, hat, gloves

WARMER DAYS (to protect against nettles, ticks etc)

Wellie Boots

Light waterproof trouser and jacket

Long sleeved shirts

Long leggings/trousers

Sun hats

MESSAGES FROM FODS

New items funded by FODS:

TWO interactive teaching boards - one for Hawks class and one for Kingfishers class, the Hawks one should be ready to go but the Kingfishers one may follow soon (because it was ordered later). We're fundraising for a board for Dippers class now.

£400 of new library books for the Accelerated Reader scheme - thanks to Roger we secured £300 of this from Aviva.

School Tidy Up Day is on **Saturday 22 Sept**. This is a day when parents, children, staff and other supporters of the school come together to make the school look beautiful - everyone can help, even the youngest children. Plus there will be biscuits!

Please note that the Totnes Raft Race is off. Totnes Rotary cancelled it due to low flow on the River Dart after this dry weather.

FODS were asked to remove the school stage over the summer because it was rotting and becoming dangerous. Many thanks to Amy, Stu, Graham, Charmaine, Jimmy, James and Ian for making this happen. Likewise, thank you to Lisa for organising the book and ice cream sale at the end of term.

If you'd be interested in enabling us to replace the stage please get in touch. You could do fundraising, look into the most cost-effective way to do this or help to install the new stage. We don't yet know how we are going to do this so all ideas very welcome!

We hope to arrange a meeting in September - if you're new to the school (or if you're not!) we hope you'll come along and say hi!