



Newsletter - 05 October 2018



Attendance

Target attendance rate is 96%.

| Whole School attendance This week = 98.10% | |
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| R— 100 | Yr 4— 90.48 |
| Yr 1— 95 | Yr 5— 87.88 |
| Yr 2— 99.65 | Yr 6— 99.17 |
| Yr 3— 100 | |

Safeguarding

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

As a school, we have been working hard to train all staff and volunteers to Level 2 or Level 3 standard. Thank you to our lovely volunteers who have given up their time to ensure that we are working together to promote the safety and welfare of our pupils.

Our Value this term is
Respect.

HARVEST FESTIVAL—THURS 18 OCT

The children will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school on Thursday 18th October. All parents are welcome to join the service which will start at 09.15 in St Mary the Virgin Church, Diptford.

If you would like to send in a donation, please send in on the morning of the 18th October.

If you would like to learn more about the Totnes Foodbank, please click on the link.

<https://stmarystotnes.wordpress.com/totnes-food-bank/>



FODS WHATSAPP GROUP

Can we ask you to help FODS from time-to-time? If so, please tell us to add you to new FODS WhatsApp group. There is NEVER any obligation to do anything, you just help if and when you want.

A lot of this will be small stuff, like scooping ice-creams!

Please email your number to laura@laurab.me.uk

Achievers of the weeks



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| HAWKS | William for trying really hard on being more independent in the classroom. |
| KINGFISHERS | Anwen for always being 100% focused and enthusiastic about her learning. |
| DIPPERS | Bea who shows fantastic respect in and out of the classroom |
| LITTLE DIPPERS | Elana- Li for becoming increasingly independent . Well done! |

We are in need of some Forest school volunteers.

Monday's: Little Dippers

Tuesday's: Dippers

Wednesday's: Pre-school

Thursday's: Kingfishers

Dates for your diary

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| WED 10 OCT | Yr 3 & 4 Merrivale Trip |
| THUS 11 OCT | Yr 6—Junior Life Skills |
| Wed 17 Oct | Tempest Photography |
| Thurs 18 Oct | 09.15—Harvest Festival Church Service |
| Wed 17 Oct | Parents Evenings 3.30– 5.15 pm |
| Thurs 18 Oct | Parents Evenings 3.30–6.00 pm |
| 22—26 Oct | Half Term |
| Fri 09 Nov | Dippers—School trip—Details TBC |
| Wed 21 Nov | Diptford Open Day |
| Tues 18 Dec | Christmas Service 09.15 |
| Thurs 20 Dec | Last Day of Term finish at 2.00 pm |
| Mon 25—Fri 28 Feb 19 | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Thurs 04 April | Easter Service 09.15 |
| 24-26 May 2019 | Heatree Residential for years 5 & 6 costs & payment plan to follow. |
| Fri 19 Jul | Leavers Assembly |

Promoting Positive Mental Health

Here at Diptford School, we recognise the importance of having positive mental health to be able to shine academically, personally and socially. Each week we will be sharing a 'Top Tip' for promoting positive mental health.

This week's 'Top Tip': Be active!

Physical activity has a huge potential to enhance our wellbeing. Even a short burst of 10 minutes' brisk walking increases our mental alertness, energy and positive mood. Participation in regular physical activity can increase our self-esteem and can reduce stress and anxiety. It also plays a role in preventing the development of mental health problems and in improving the quality of life of people experiencing mental health problems. For more information, please see the website link below...

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/how-to-using-exercise>

On going challenge... Eat a Rainbow at Diptford!

This week, we have decided to continue with the challenge of eating a variety of healthy foods that are the colour red. Please take photographs of these foods so we can share them on our display. We would love to receive more to fill our display full of healthy and delicious foods!



Kingfishers: In English, we have been planning our final write in the style of our class text, Grendel. We have explored speech and how we can use this to add effect and build on a character's personality. We enjoyed challenging ourselves to find as many different words for 'said' as we could. Next week, we are going to finish writing our stories and begin our new text.

In Maths, we have started looking at addition and using dienes and counters to support our understanding of adding numbers in the hundreds, tens and ones columns. Next week, we are going to continue to look at addition but look are more complex problems and develop our understanding of the formal column method.

In R.E. we have been comparing different religions and beliefs and have now started to explore the different sacred texts people believe in. This week, we look at Hinduism and the story of Rama and Sita. the children enjoyed using some role play to understand the morals of the story and are looking forward to learning about another story next week from a different religion.



Little Dippers: This week in the Little Dippers, the children have been learning about their eyes and exploring their sense of sight. This learning crossed over into their Phonics lessons as they used their sense of sight to play 'I Spy'. The children were given the initial sound and then they had to locate the correct object in the picture. They really enjoyed the activity and decided to play it independently during child initiated activities. Well done!

The children also explored their sense of sight in their maths lesson as they were challenged to go on a 'Number Hunt' around the school, looking for all the numbers they could see in our environment. It was a really fun activity and they discovered that numbers are everywhere! I wonder if they can find any numbers at home?

Next week, the Little Dippers will be exploring and learning about their sense of smell.



Dippers: Dippers have had a busy week, we started the week off by looking at a new non-fiction book; what do you do with a tail like this? The children had to guess which nose, feet, eyes and ears belonged to which animal, we then looked at what a verb was and had to write sentences using as many different verbs as we could to explain what the animals were doing.

In maths we have been learning how to add by counting on, the year two's learnt how to add using the column method.

Dippers became scientists this week, they had to use their senses to smell, feel, describe and taste different fruits. They also found out that when they hold their nose and eat a jelly baby they cannot taste the flavour!



Hawks: This week, Hawks class have had two competitive sporting events, tag rugby and athletics. They really showed their great teamwork during tag rugby and showed resilience within all 5 matches. They have been working really hard to improve their tag rugby skills with Mr Tanner in their PE sessions.

Within maths, Hawks class have been working on adding and subtracting large numbers mentally. They will be moving on to the column method of addition and subtraction next week.

In English, the children have begun to plan their diary writing, through their own research and using what they have learnt in the topic sessions. They will be starting to write the draft for diaries next week, before editing and finalising them.

Messy Harvest



Sunday 7th October 2018

4.30pm - 6.00pm

Harvest Craft activities, songs, games and
Harvest gifts - please bring along fruit and vegetables
followed by a Party Tea
at Diptford Parish Hall, Diptford, TQ9 7NY

Everyone Welcome

All children to be accompanied by an adult



St Mary's, Diptford

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