

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to another busy term.

Firstly, I would like to thank all our volunteer parents for the fabulous disco that the PTFA arranged for the last day of term. Please now look ahead to the next events that the PTFA are arranging, including the imminent Jumble Sale on Friday 9th November at 3:30 pm taking place in the school hall and the Christmas Fair being held on Friday 7th December again at 3:30pm in our school.

Don't forget to join in the early morning "Jog Alongs" as part of our Healthy Life Style campaign.

At 8:25am come and run as many laps of the school playground as you can and measure your own fitness levels to create your personal best – "PB" as they say in the trade.

I am really sorry if any parents were "Door Stepped" as you entered the school gates yesterday afternoon. I was not aware that the union members were intending to do this and would have expected them, out of courtesy, to have informed me of their intentions and the content of their leaflet. Thank you for all your support. There seems to be a lot of what I can only call "Fake News" being bandied about.

Admissions 2019-2020 - Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2014 and 31 Aug 2015?

If the answer's yes, you may apply online from Monday 5th November 2018 until Monday 14th January 2019.

The full information booklet can be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You must submit one application per child, even if they already have a sibling at that school.

Deal Parochial New Intake Presentations & tours are now available. Please see dates & times below and contact the school to book a place. The Headteacher, Ms Brown will give a presentation in the school hall, followed by a tour of the school with some of our Year 6 pupils.

Dates and times are as follows:

Thursday 8th November at 11 am, Tuesday 13th November at 2.15 pm, Thursday 22nd November at 11 am, Wednesday 28th November at 2.15 pm, Wednesday 5th December at 9.30 am.

Our Collective Worship and PSHE is taking a new format and new themes. This term we will all be focusing on Courage, Kindness and the Incarnation – the Christmas story. We are keen to give the children opportunities to reflect and consider these themes from all perspectives so that they are relevant and inclusive for all. Our Year 6 pupils have been invited to lead prayers at Canterbury Cathedral next Tuesday when they are attending the Canterbury Diocese Schools day. It is an exciting honour to be asked to do this in such an eminent and historically significant building and in front of so many other schools and clerics.

In order to embrace the changes to the RE and Collective Worship expectations that are passed on to us from the Church of England, our governors have elected to run a new team called the Christian Ethos Team. This is due to meet formally for the first time this term, so I will let you know the focus and ideas that grow from this exciting change.

We will be holding a Remembrance Service with Fr Roger next Friday at school at 10:45 so that the school can gather together and respect the 2 minute silence at 11am. If any parents would like to join us please let the school office know in advance.



We are holding a High-Viz non uniform day on Friday 16th November which links into our road safety awareness. Please send in £1 as a donation towards school funds. The children can dress in bright, fluorescent, reflective, Neon - crazy- crazy -crazy colours so that they learn the importance of keeping safe during the long dark winter nights as pedestrians. The BRIGHTER THE BETTER! Go for it folks! I want the school to be glowing!

Other key dates and events to put in your diary

Monday 26th November - Thursday 29th November – **The Scholastic Book Fair** will be selling a great selection of children's books both fiction and non-fiction in the school hall, from 3:15pm each afternoon.

We will be holding our PJ story night on Wednesday 28th November when children can come back to school dressed in their Pyjamas and bring their favourite cuddly toy. It will start at 6pm. Children can choose a classroom and story teller leaving parents to browse through the books on sale as a means of maybe helping Father Christmas. Tea and coffee will be available with some light bites and a chance to mingle with parents whilst children go off for a story around the school. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend this event.

Friday 30th November – Tag Day – non uniform for donation towards the very popular Christmas Fair Tombola

I am very pleased to retain links with Mrs Spencer and to be able to support St George's Church special events through our school connection. Mrs Spencer who is married to Vicar Chris from St Georges' Church, and as many of you will remember was our music teacher until Easter last year has asked me to pass on the following message.

St.George's Church Christingle Services - Christmas Eve, 3pm and 5pm

If any pupil (Yr 3 and above) would like to join a group of Junior Singers who perform at these services then please contact Mrs Spencer at joy.spencer18@btinternet.com.

Rehearsal details: Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th December. 4pm-4.45pm St.George's Vicarage, 8 St.George's Road and Sunday 23rd December 4pm-5pm St George's Church

Request from our Deal Area foodbank

*Please help local people in crisis. **Winter shortages**-eg. Advent calendars (before December), desserts, washing powder, toiletries, **Christmassy extras**- instant gravy, stuffing, chutneys/pickles, special biscuits, chocolates, Christmas puddings etc. If you can help, please place your donations in the green bin located in our reception area. Thank you for caring.*

School behaviour and conduct

Over the next few months we are updating the behaviour plan and procedures. It is important that parents and carers feel confident in our systems and that all children, staff and families have the opportunity to be treated with Dignity, Hope, Equality, Respect and Wisdom for the greater good of all our community. I am using the Church of England's Vision Statement for Education as a starting point for discussion with parents, pupils, teachers and governors. I hope to gather parent voice on this important subject so please keep your eyes peeled for further information.

If you are interested in reading more just google The Church of England's "Vision for Education; Deeply Christian, Serving The Common Good". I will try to get a link on the school web site also.

I hope we all manage to avoid any more nasty illness and can enjoy all the fabulous community events that this time of year brings.

Kind Regards
Justine Brown

