

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Deal Parochial is Shortlisted for Kent LTA's Education Award for 2017

Each year, Kent County Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) present awards to recognise significant achievements and contribution to tennis in our county. There are several award categories that include "Coach", "Club", "Volunteer", "Young Volunteer" and our category "Education", which covers tennis in universities and senior schools, as well as in primary schools.

Being shortlisted for this award is wonderful recognition for our school's numerous tennis achievements over 2017, which include:

- Each year group from year 1 to 6 receiving a term's worth of curriculum PE tennis lessons at Deal Indoor Tennis Centre (DITC).
- At year end, having 62 different children (= 30% of the school) playing extra-curricular tennis each week through:
 - The after school tennis club which runs twice a week at DITC.
 - Tennis sessions given as part of the school's additional needs programme.
 - Supervised tennis at lunchtimes.

Additionally:

- We were runners up in the Dover Schools' Games, and the Kent LTA's boys' 8 & under Team and Doubles Tournaments, with a girls' pair and another boys' pair also qualifying for the 8 & under Doubles' Finals.
- We hosted our own Deal Parochial Tennis Challenge Tournament at DITC against Wingham Primary School's Tennis Club.
- During the summer, we went to the Eastbourne International Tennis Tournament with 23 children, 2 staff, 6 parents and 8 Manwood's student helpers.

These achievements would not have been possible without the hard work and positive enthusiasm from our tennis playing pupils, their parents and our staff. Well done and congratulations to everyone - we will find out the Awards Results on 10th March 2018.



“Thank you” to our Deal food bank

It is great to know that our communities and organisations are working together to support each other. Recently, the Deal food bank donated a considerable amount of breakfast cereals to our school’s breakfast club. This was because they had a larger supply of this particular food as a donation than they could give out within the use by dates. Thank you so much. Every little donation helps us to keep costs down or enables us to purchase additional “Breakfast Club” resources with the money collected.

Recycling appeal

The pupil council are asking pupils and parents to save all plastic container tops such as the green, blue and red milk carton tops, biscuit and sweet lids such as the Roses containers and plastic water bottle lids.

Please send in colourful plastic lids of any size that will be durable for using outside.

Please give them a quick wash and send them onto school. We hope to use the materials for some super out door large art fixtures linked to the development of our spiritual garden and playground. Thank you.

Updated Term 3 2018 dates and events

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
12-01-18, and every Friday afternoon during term 3.	Tennis lessons for Year 6	Held at the Indoor Tennis Centre Deal.
12-01-18 & 16-01-18	Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths – STEM workshops.	Timetabled across two days for every child and class to take part enriching and extending pupils experiences and opportunities.
15-01-18	Yr 1 & 2 football competition	Mr Earl to send out further information.
16-01-18	Visit form local tennis coach Deal Indoor Tennis centre	Whole school assembly
17-01-18	Kent Fire Safety Talks	Safety presentations to whole school
25-01-18	Network Rail safety presentations.	Presentation for pupils – keeping safe.
25-01-18	Tennis competition against Seven Oaks Primary School.	Mrs Hodgson to send out further information
25-01-18	EYFS & KS1 PJ Story evening	Children are invited to come back to school to enjoy a bed time story read to them by a member of staff. Separate letter sent out.
01-02-18	Girls football match	DP V Warden House – 3:30pm
06-02-18	Safer Internet Day – KS1 presentation to parents 9:15 am. KS2 presentation to parents 2:30pm.	National event theme “Create, Connect & Share Respect: A better internet starts with You!”
08-02-18	Yr 6 Glorious cake sale & Tombola	Fund raising for the Yr 6 residential trip
Friday 9 th February	End of term 3	School closed for 1 week holiday.
Monday 19 th February 2018	Term 4 starts	All children return to school for lessons.



Term 4 2018 – key dates to note.

Monday 19th February	Term 4 begins	All children back to school
Friday 23-02-18, and every Friday afternoon during term 4.	Tennis lessons for Year 5	Held at the Indoor Tennis Centre Deal.
Monday 26-02-18	Half year pupil progress and attainment reports sent out to parents. Parent teacher consultation evening	Letters to follow. 3:30pm – 6pm Please book an appointment
26-02-18	Yr 3 class trip	Dover Museum Bronze age boat
Wednesday 28-02-18	Parent teacher consultation evening	16:00 – 18:30pm
01-03-18	World Book Day	Watch this space??
13-03-18	Yr 6 PGL residential	Returning 16-03-18
26-03-18	Sports Relief Day	More info to follow
27-03-18	Tennis competition	Mrs Hodgson to contact competitors & parents
28-03-18	Easter Service for pupils, staff & families	Held at St Andrew's Church Deal. Starting at 10:30am.
29-03-18	The Great Easter Egglethics Relay Race for.....chocolate! Other non dairy treats available if required	Each pupil is asked to bring in an egg to race and swap with their team in our Eggastic Race for Chocolate!
Thursday 29-03-18	Last day of term 4.	HOLIDAY TIME – it's a good one..... 2 weeks! Term 5 starts Monday 16th April with more Growth mind set in the curriculum.

In addition – there are two significant events planned for Term 5 that I would like you to save the date for.

On Saturday 21st April Mrs Spencer will be leading a Combined Choirs event for all the Deal Primary school children. St George's Church will be hosting a very poignant and important Deal Town concert as part of the Zeebrugge commemorations and celebrations taking place over this weekend. Many important Marine dignitaries will be attending this concert. Pupils will be singing a medley of Sea Songs. Pupils from Goodwin Academy will be reading poetry along with blessings and speeches from others.

On Monday 23rd April we celebrate the launch of the Deal Heritage Trail. This is a walk through the streets of Deal, guiding you through some of the historic events and buildings that we are so proud of as Deal's heritage. In particular it centres on the Royal Marines and how they played such a significant presence in Deal.

On this day there will be a Freedom of the Borough march taking place through Deal Town. This, for those who don't know is a very important and rare event whereby the Royal Marines march in full uniform. Pupils in Year 5 will be guests of honour, along with some pupils from other Deal Schools who have taken part in the collaboration project that Deal Parochial School has lead. We will have a reserved area outside Walmer Castle to stand and watch. The Marine project work will be displayed on Walmer Green.



What a fantastic event to look forward to!

Parents will have the option to take their children from school early that afternoon in order to go and be spectators at the Freedom of the Borough March and support the launch of the Deal Town Time Detectives project display and the Royal Marine Heritage Trail. There is world wide interest in this event.

Parent Governor Vacancy – would you like to join our team of governors?

There is a vacancy for the role as a parent governor.

What does a parent governor do? I hear you ask.

The Governing body consists of 12 members including myself. We work very closely together in teams examining different aspects of the school leadership & management, curriculum, premises and safety so that all aspects of our school are externally governed and that the school continues to thrive and grow.

We have different types of governors, from church, local government, business and staff.

We are looking for a new member who can contribute to one of these teams. Particular skills that we would welcome are in finance and auditing, health and safety and building / premises and personnel.

Our clerk to the governors will send out papers for parent nominations with additional information shortly. Please come and talk to me if you feel you may like to part of our team. The school needs committed and enthusiastic parents so that we can be the best that we can be. Many thanks.

A moment of reflection

This prayer has been written by Martina in Yr 6 in response to our collective worship that focused on journeys through life. Well done Martina, this is a very reflective and spiritual prayer for us all. Thank you.

Dear God

Help us through our hard journeys just like Mary and Joseph.

Help us through the DARK times; help us when we make mistakes.

Help us when the journey becomes HARD, and carry us through all the BUMPS in our lives.

Give us the COURAGE to stand up to people.

May we go through life SMOOTHLY,

May our journey be PEACEFUL?

Amen.

Keep warm everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Justine Brown

Head teacher

