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Christmas Newsletter 2016

Dear parents/carers,

Christmas is fast approaching and the term seems to be slipping away.

I hope you like the Christmas sparkles that greet you in our main entrance. Mr Knight has been very busy decorating the school to create that festive excitement. Thank you, Mr Knight.

Grammar Quiz;- a question of winning !!

Four KS 2 pupils took part in a Deal Learning Alliance Primary school, grammar competition on Tuesday 6th December. Our school competed against Kingsdown and Ringwould, St Margarets, and St Marys. Our four, star pupils, Rosie Mae, Elena Skye, Ellie P and Kate H played to their very best. They kept their nerve taking part in quick fire round questions and a written test, emerging as our very proud winners of the day. Congratulations and a super well done to our grammar champions.

Thank you to Mrs Messenger, our Literacy coordinator for taking the children.

With so many events coming up I want to provide a simple Christmas count down so that you can all keep up with, **who, what, where and when!!** Good luck let the Christmas madness begin!

The DP Christmas diary.

07-12-16 – Mrs Spencer is taking the boys choir to sing at St George's Church in the morning. Many thanks, to the parents who are helping out with transport. Mrs Hackney, Mrs Mehmet and Mrs Bakridan.

08-12-16 – Yr 3 will be off to the Deal Tennis centre for their tennis lesson.

08-12-16 – Four, Yr 6 pupils are taking part in a maths competition that will take place at Manwoods Grammar School Sandwich. Good luck to Daniel M, Kate H, Kian S, Rhys W. Ms Pettitt will be taking the team to represent our school.

08-12-16 – The boys football team have an away match at St Mary's RC primary school, kick off is 3:30pm. Please go along and cheer the boys along.

08-12-16 – The PTFA will be taking over Mrs Hogben's office, transforming it into a wondrous Santa's Grotto in preparation for our Bonanza Christmas Fair the next day.

09-12-16 – Did I mention that this is our **Jumbo Jolly Tra La La La La Laaaa School CHRISTMAS**

BONANZA FAIR. Be there or may your Christmas Crackers never crackle!! Bring your friends, neighbours and family. Win a lot a prize on the Tombola, enjoy a warming jacket potato and buy a DP school tea towel – unique to our school, with your child's portrait smiling on each towel you purchase. There couldn't be a better Christmas present. Play 'pin the nose' on Rudolph, enjoy the children's Christmas craft stalls, tap your foot along to the DP Street Dance Troupe led by Ms Cronin and sing along to the Christmas carols sung by our own marvellous choir and Mrs Spencer – at 4:15 the recorders are playing, then the choir are singing at 4:30 in the school hall. This really is a Christmas **MUST, MUST, MUST!!**

Many thanks, to you all for your generous donations to our tombola. Now come and win some back! I have got my eye on the Terry's Choc Orange! Mmmmmmm!

Monday 12-12-16 – WEEK 7. – We are hosting a Premier sports triathlon which will take place during the morning. Pupils will be competing against Sandown and Temple Ewell in three different mini competitions. These are lacrosse, boccia, and handball. Good luck team – do the best that you can! Thank you, Mr Earl for organising the games.

12-12-16 – The children in Yr 1-Y 6 will walk to The Goodwin Academy to watch the secondary school drama department's pantomime which is Peter Pan. We expect the children to return to school for the normal end of day time.

13-12-16 – Goldfinch class – Yr 2 will be having a full dress rehearsal of the very important Nativity service. Please make sure that your child has all their costume ready and available in school. Thank you

14-12-16 – A sports team of Yr 5 and Yr 6 pupils will be going to Dover Leisure Centre with Mr Earl to compete in a multi – sports intra schools event. This takes place in the morning.

14-12-16 – School CHRISTMAS DINNER - It is the Brussel sprout challenge again! There will be Christmas music and crackers for everyone as the teachers serve dinner to their classes.



15-12-16 – Goldfinch class walk to St George’s Church at 10am to prepare for their Nativity performance. All Yr 2 children must take a pack up, disposable picnic lunch.

We will all have an early dinner on this day. All the school will walk to St George’s Church, leaving school at 1pm. We would greatly appreciate some adult volunteers to accompany our pupils walking to the church. It is another High Viz moment!

The **Christmas Nativity** service will feature the recorder club, our school choirs, the very brilliant Year 2 children and all of KS 1 / EYFS. It is a special opportunity to soak up the magic of Christmas and show the children how proud you are of their star performances. Please come along and join the service. Year 2 will be having photographs taken in costume at 1:15pm. The doors open at 1:30pm with the service starting at 2pm. This year the nativity is called, **“It’s a Baby”**

All parents:- PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN AFTER THE PERFORMANCE FROM St GEORGE’S CHURCH – 3:15PM.

At the end of the service- Reception and Yr 1 pupils will exit to the extension to remove crowns and collect coats etc and come back into church.

Yr 2 remain on Chancel for a few minutes for photos then lead out to extension to get changed, whilst Mrs Spencer plays carols.

Yr 2 go into the extension to change. Choir sings songs to cover this.

Ms Brown to dismiss children in their year groups ready for parents to collect. Please, plan extra time for this and wait patiently.

16-12-16 – Please collect all school uniform, PE kits, and personal possessions and take them home.

Monday 19th December 2016..... yes we really do have to come to school this late in December!! Shocking I know!

19-12-16 Each class is being asked to learn a Christmas poem to recite in front of the rest of the school on this day.

Silly Christmas Jumper day – dare you to dress in the daftest! This is a change to the original planned date.

20-12-16 - The school choir, Yr 4, 5 & 6 pupils will be singing at the Deal Centre, led by Mrs Spencer our music lead teacher.

20-12-16 – Class Christmas Party time. Children can bring their party clothes in a bag with their name clearly labelled on the bag. Teachers will put up a party food list for parent to sign their name up to bringing an item of party food or drink. Parties will take place in the afternoon. There will be dancing, games, “sing alongs” and general fun, fun, fun!

I am sure teachers would be grateful for a pair of adult helping hands if you are brave enough to join us. Talk to your child’s class teacher to arrange this. Thanks.

We will be holding our Christingle service in school to finish off the term in a quiet, reflective way.

School will finish at the usual time of 3:15pm in order to support our many working parents/ carers.

Don’t forget to look at our new school website where you can read up to date blogs about school events and the children’s fantastic achievements. Deal Parochial Church of England Primary School.

Return to school date.

Wednesday January 4th 2017 – all pupils in school as usual

Mr Earl has arranged for some different after school sports clubs to start in the new January term 2017.

- Boccia for all children will take place on Wednesdays.
- Lacrosse for KS 2 pupils taking place on Thursdays,
- Cheerleading for KS 1, taking place on Fridays afterschool.

There is an online booking system for parents to book with Premier Sports. To book parents can go to www.premiersports.org/courses.

May God’s blessing be with you all.

Go into this holiday with peace, hope, joy and love, through the gift of God’s only son Jesus Christ living in all our hearts.

Thank you to everyone for working so closely with us, volunteering your time, effort, enthusiasm and care in order to give the very best for our pupils here.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.

Keep safe.



Justine Brown

