

Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year.

It was so uplifting to be greeted with the smiles and hugs from our pupils at the gate. The children look very smart in their school uniforms that they clearly wear with pride.

We welcome some new team members, some of whom are temporary, covering long term illness and some permanent.

Please welcome;

Mr Greenhalgh our new music teacher.

Mrs Abbott – (temporary to cover Mrs Messenger's continued absence). Mrs Abbott will be teaching two days a week – Thursday and Fridays job sharing with Mrs Hurst, who is already part of the team as our resident supply and cover teacher.

Please make sure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name in order to avoid confusion and loss of new items of clothing. Thank you.

Harvest charity focus. We will carry out the Love in a Box charity, collaborating with St Leonard's Church. Please keep this in mind and save any shoe boxes you may have recently got. More information about this will follow.

New Toilets in Early Years

Over the holidays the Early Years toilets were completely refurbished. We now have an additional disabled toilet with new flooring and cubicles throughout. Funding for this came from KCC. We are very pleased with the end result. They now smell fresh and clean for our little people!

Academy update.

We continue to meet as a team of head teachers and governors of all the schools who are interested in the proposed multi academy Trust. We are called DEALT.

The next stage is to start unpicking and agree the term of the school delegated scheme of responsibilities for the different layers of the Trust. The structure of this is the Board, the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.), the school governors and the head teachers. We have been using a model of suggested structures and have reviewed the needs of this particular type of proposed MAT. This is currently work in progress and has already been altered and amended a number of times. When I have the most recent updated version confirmed at the next DEALT meeting I will post this onto our school web site for your attention.

We continue to work through a financial forecast and 3 year budget plan. Information and guidance continues to support our working team. However, until this information is reliable, we will not nor

wish to, commit to applying for the academy orders and move to a decision to convert to an academy. The journey is a long process and our governors are continuing to gather and consider the horizons from all angles.

Deal Parochial School Governors will be meeting to discuss the draft articles of association and scheme of delegated roles later in this month.

Something Fishy is going on here??!!

Thank you for all the wonderfully creative ocean displays that are coming into school. We will be using these to decorate the school corridor in the Ocean World theme. Every class is named after a sea creature. Children will be carrying out some art and craft centred on this theme as we all settle down into the new year.

Spiritual Art Competition.

In July children were invited to take part in a national art competition. This is an annual competition organised by National Association for Religious Education. There were a number of themes for children and teachers to choose from. We could only enter ten final pieces of art work. Copies of these are now displayed in the main school corridor outside of the hall. It was difficult to narrow the excellent art work down to only ten. Mrs Porteous and I spent quite some time deliberating. The ten finalists and the themes of their work are:

1. Eleanor Murray - Holy Space
2. Charlie Prescott – Looking for God
3. Isabelle Davenport – Peace
4. Che- Blue Bell – Doubt
5. Hugo Joice – Peace
6. Naomi Hackett – Peace
7. Zoe Murray – Looking for God
8. Kacey Watson – Peace
9. Eleanor Parkes - Doubt
10. Jessica Walker – Doubt

Their work is all individual and representational. It takes critical creative thinking to imagine and portray a concept such as doubt as a visual form. I am very impressed by their ideas and how they have written a short review of their own work. Each finalist will receive an opportunity to delve into my lucky dip of prizes as a reward for their effort and the pride they take in their work. Congratulations.

Please watch out for our Healthy School news letter that will follow soon. This will outline some new opportunities for helping us all improve our fitness and healthy life style. I know I could do with this!

Time for reflection

Heavenly Father

Empower us all to bring God's love to other people.

Help your love reflect in me so that I can love myself today and everyday and be confident that I shine.

Give me resolve to keep the school rules, God's rules and to be a helpful, compassionate person in our family and community.

Amen

Key Dates

Here are some key dates for the term ahead. I am waiting for other dates to be confirmed.

Autumn term 1, 2018

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Tuesday 11 th September	Meet the teacher	3:30pm – 4:pm for parents of year 5 and 6 pupils. 4:00 – 4:30pm for parents of year 3 and 4 pupils
Thursday 13 th September	Meet the teacher	3:30pm – 4:pm for parents of year 1 pupils. 4:00 – 4:30pm for parents of year 2 pupils
Tuesday 25 th September	Early Years children will be full time Girls football match	Yr 5 & 6 team. Mrs Hodgson to organise.
Thursday 27 th September	Parent, teacher association Annual General Meeting.	Starting at 2pm. In the school hall. We will present the annual budget, vote in new posts and begin planning for fund raising and events for the year ahead. Please come and offer your support and interest in your school.
Thursday 4 th October	Deal Learning Alliance football tournament	Mr Earl to organise and invite players.
Friday 5 th October.	Harvest Art Day	Creative curriculum day for pupils please ensure children have an art shirt to protect the uniform.
Tuesday 9 th October	Yr 5 & 6 Tag rugby competition	The Duke of York School Mr Earl to arrange.
Friday 12 th October	Harvest Festival Service	To start at 10am. Held at St Leonards' Church Deal Families invited to attend the children's service. Please help with walking to the church if able.
Monday 15-10-18	Parent Teacher consultation evening.	Sign up to the time table that will be available nearer to the date.

	Starting at 3:30 – 5:30pm. Please come into the school through the main school entrance and walk to your child's classroom where your child's books will be out for you to browse through as you wait.	Meet with your child's class teacher to agree learning targets for the year and discuss how they are settling into their new class.
Tuesday 16 th October 2018.	Parent Teacher consultation evening. Starting at 4pm – finishing at 6pm. As above	
Wednesday 17 th October	Individual pupil photographs / sibling photos to be taken	Kittle Photographers. Please remember to send children in super smart on this day! Thanks
Thursday 18 th October	School Disco. Organised by the parent teacher and family association –(PTFA)	Ks1 3:30 – 5pm. Ks1 pupils please bring dancing clothes in a named bag. Children will change into these at the end of the school day. KS2 5:30 – 7PM You can collect children from the school hall. Please wait outside for staff to bring out children a class at a time. Thank you.
Thursday 18 th October	End of school term 1 for pupils	School finishes at usual time of 3:15pm.
Friday 19 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	The school will be closed. Staff will carry out training.
Monday 29 th October	Term 2 starts	All children back to school

I will keep you updated of any further dates that will be added when they are arranged.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Brown
Head teacher.