

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to your child's final year at Parochial; Year 6 already – where did that time go?! I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. I would also like to say a big 'Thank you' for all of your thoughtful gifts at the end of Year 5 and to let you know that I feel privileged to be able to teach all of your children again this year. They have already settled back in really well and are enthusiastic about all the challenges and exciting events that being in Year 6 brings.

Our topic theme for this term is **Extreme Environments**, which will focus on specific areas on Earth that have harsh or challenging conditions; for example, the freezing temperatures in the North and South Poles; including Shackleton's expeditions in the Antarctic, as well as extremely hot desert areas. If you have any relevant resources please do send them in.

The children will be given **homework** on a regular basis - usually out on a Wednesday and due back by the following Monday. Homework will usually be Maths (linked to our lessons in school collated in a CGP book), spellings and an English based task. Learning to complete and return homework on time is an important skill that they will need in secondary school, so to encourage this the children will have the opportunity to earn a termly *virtual* '**Homework Pass**'. This means that they are excused from their homework for a chosen week. However, only children who have a 100% record at giving in homework on time will retain this privilege and it will be forfeited if they don't bring it in regularly. I hope this will encourage the children to plan their time efficiently.

**Regular Reading**, as always, is vital to the children's progress over the course of the year and I would ask that you support and encourage your child to read every day. Please could you initial/sign your child's reading record on a weekly basis to acknowledge that they have completed this task; they will be checked at regular intervals. If you have any comments, please feel free to add them. The children can read either their school reading book or one from home. If they do read a book at home please encourage them to bring it to school when they have finished it, so that they can complete an Accelerated Reader quiz on it if there is one.

Our **P.E.** sessions this first term will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Tuesday will be a games session with Mr Earl and Friday will be tennis at Tides (this starts on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September). Your child will require a full P.E. kit in school, which for games sessions can include a tracksuit and trainers. If your child is unable to take part in a P.E. session, please could you send an email or note or I shall expect them to take part.

As in Year 5, we appreciate that some children are allowed to **walk home** on their own. If this is the case, please could you send a quick note or email confirming that they have permission (even if you sent one in last year we would like confirmation on that please).



As you can understand, we want to ensure that all pupils are safe and we will be reluctant to let any child walk home unaccompanied if we have not received permission from you. If you feel that mobile phones are needed, these are collected in at the start of school, locked in the school office throughout the day and given back at the end of school time.

Next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a meeting about next year's residential trip to '**Kingwood**' as well as a chance to 'Meet the Teacher'. The meeting will begin at 3.30, and is expected to last no longer than half an hour, especially as you've all already met me on several occasions!

**Please do not worry if you are unable to attend as I will also send a letter home explaining details and arrangements for the residential trip.**

I look forward to another busy, successful and fun year with your child(ren) and hope that, with your support, all of them will enjoy learning and will make great progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, or any other matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Ms Pettitt at the end of the day, email me at: [warners@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:warners@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk) or contact the office to make an appointment.

Many thanks for your continued support

Kind regards

Sarah Warner and Nikki Pettitt

