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Christmas Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

The wintery weather is certainly upon us. Please ensure that your children are wearing waterproof coats, hats, scarfs and gloves to keep out the icy winds and be extra vigilant as they cross roads.

Christmas Fair

I would like to give my thanks to all the Parents and Teachers who worked so hard in making our Christmas fair such an enjoyable occasion last Friday afternoon. There was a very festive atmosphere enhanced by our wonderful children's recorder group and choir and the fabulous parent choir. Thank you to everyone for taking part, for donating prizes, setting up Santa's Grotto and counting up monies afterwards. Thank you to Mr Knight who is always so accommodating and helpful in setting up and taking down equipment and keeping the school tidy. There was great team spirit. Well done. The total money raised will be announced in due course by the PTFA.

In particular I would like to thank Sian Cox for leading and organising this traditional event. It is a lot of work.

Here are the events taking place running up to the end of term.

Wednesday 13th December– It is the children's Christmas dinner day. All children can book their Christmas roast dinner on the day. The children will be joined by governors and staff who will serve the dinner and assist with the cracker pulling and Brussel sprout eating!

Thursday 14th December - On this day Yr 2 will be walking to St Georges' Church in the morning to have their final dress rehearsal for the nativity play.

All classes will be walking to St Georges' Church in the afternoon in order to attend the Nativity Service led by Yr 2 and KS 1 pupils. All of our families and friends are invited to come along and join us at church. The service starts at 2pm.

Please remember that parents must collect all children from St Georges' Church at 3:15pm outside the back of the church in the gardens, where class teachers will lead the children out a class at a time.

On Friday children will be receiving merit award certificates and the termly head teacher cup award for each class.

Monday 18th December This is our Christmas jumper day. All staff and pupils can wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform. We will be holding our annual class Christmas poetry recital event during the morning. All children will be learning a poem ready for this performance.

Children must take home their PE kits on Monday to avoid carrying too much at the end of the week. Thank you.



Tuesday 19th – Class Christmas parties Children to come to school wearing their school uniform. They can bring party clothes in a named bag and change into them after lunch. They can go home in their party clothes taking their uniforms home in their bag. Parents are asked to contribute to the children's party food. Teachers will put up a party food list on the classroom doors for you to sign up.

Wednesday 20th December - This is our last day of Term 2. We finish school at 3:15 pm as usual.

Don't forget children return to school on Friday 5th January 2018. This is just one day before the weekend and will break us all back in gently to the early mornings!

Football match report 27-11-17

On a cold evening Deal Parochial took on Wingham Primary in the Second round of the Hammond Cup with a place in the Quarter Finals up for grabs.

The team showed great sportsmanship throughout the game with amazing team work.

Goals from Ashton M, Adam W and George B sent Deal Parochial school through as 6-1 winners, man of the match went to Noel C for his leadership on the pitch showing great encouragement to his team mates.

Well done to all the team for a great performance and fantastic behaviour.

Deal Parochial will face Aylesham Primary in the Quarter Finals.

Mr Earl

Thank you to Mr Earl and the football team. Well done!

Inter-Team Tennis Tournament: Blue Team Wins

A pre-Christmas feast of tennis took place at the Deal Indoor Tennis Centre (DITC) on 28 Nov17 when Deal Parochial held its first inter-team tennis tournament.

24 pupils, from across years 1 - 6, played a total of 30 matches. The children, who had very little or no previous experience of competitive play, were paired up into doubles and played timed tennis in either sponge ball or orange ball format. Once the whistle went to start each round of matches, there was a great hubbub of tennis activity as four sponge ball games and one orange ball game took place simultaneously.

There was much excitement, engagement and enjoyment over the afternoon, and it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents there, supporting their children. The final results were:

1st Blue team with 35 points

2nd Red team with 31 points

Joint 3rd Yellow and Green teams with 27 points each.

Well done to all the children taking part with such enthusiasm. Special thanks must go to:

George B, Jack B, Anya, Bo and Mia, for standing in on the day to cover for illness, having had no specific preparation for this tournament; your commitment to tennis allowed the tournament to proceed as planned. The parents who helped with the walk from school to DITC and who scored the sponge ball matches with some of the orange ball players.



All the children were congratulated on their tennis performances in the school assembly the next day, with the blue team receiving the Inter-Team Competition Cup. Well done everyone!

Mrs Hodgson

Thank you all for your tremendous support and cooperation. Our pupils certainly benefit from a rich and full curriculum.

A moment of reflection

May this Christmas day be full of peace within your heart.
May you be reminded of new birth, and of redeeming love.
May you dwell within each moment and savour all you have.
May you find hope and power to pray for things that make you sad.
May your heart be ever thankful and your faith rise up high in praise.
May you know you're loved and treasured on this very special day.

Amen

Merry Christmas everyone!

God bless you all.

Justine Brown

Head teacher

