

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## Newsletter End of Spring Term, March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Well done to all our families who have entered the Easter egg decoration competition. The winners will be announced at the praise assembly and in the summer term newsletter.

We held a lovely Easter service at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday where every class took part as well as the choir and recorder performances. It was lovely to see so many of our families attending the service and supporting the children, thank you.

Our pupils have taken part in a number of sporting competitions over the last two weeks. I would like to thank all the parents who have helped us with transport, without your help it would become very difficult for us to enter these competitions. As you can see, not only do the children really enjoy taking part, we are also punching well above our weight and proving to be tough competition for the Deal & Dover schools. I would also like to thank Mr Earl for his enthusiasm and commitment, ensuring that our pupils are given every possible opportunity to take part. He works tirelessly in order that get the best chances.

Recently we have taken part in:-

- The Dover swimming gala coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of twelve schools.
- Dover Rugby Club Mini Tag Rugby Tournament – winning all our games throughout the day.
- Goodwin Academy football shield – winners and second place! Once the shield has been engraved and presented to the team it will be displayed in the school entrance for you to admire.
- The girls' football team have played at a consistently high standard and we are waiting for the announcement of the final league positions.
- Cross country running at Northbourne Park School. Individual entries.

### Operation Encompass

You will receive a letter today about a pilot scheme that the Deal schools have been invited to take part in, working in collaboration with the Kent police. It is called Operation Encompass and aims to support children and families dealing with domestic aggression. This is a very important new initiative in which all the Deal schools have agreed to take part.

Please look out for the parent mail or paper copy of the letter.



Looking ahead - A new date to save - 28-04-17

**Deal Parochial Ground Force Event.** The PTFA are helping to support this event. We are hoping to enlist willing parents and children to stay behind on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April for a couple of hours and help us all spruce up the school grounds. There will be the **5 P** approach..????? **P**lanting, **P**ainting, **P**runing, **P**ond clearing and **P**atching up. Please come along and join in a team **Parochial Party** 15:00hrs – 17:30hrs. Refreshments provided.

Our new Term 5 - All children should return to school on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.** Remember the school gates open at 8:40am – and close at 8:50am. Please ensure children arrive on time for school. Thank you.

### A moment of reflection

God, give us eyes to see  
the beauty of the Spring,  
And to behold Your majesty  
in every living thing -  
And may we see in lacy leaves  
and every budding flower  
The Hand that rules the universe  
with gentleness and power -  
And may this Easter grandeur  
that Spring lavishly imparts  
Awaken faded flowers of faith  
lying dormant in our hearts,  
And give us ears to hear, dear God,  
the Springtime song of birds  
With messages more meaningful  
than man's often empty words  
Telling harried human beings  
who are lost in dark despair -  
'Be like us and do not worry  
for God has you in His care.

*Helen Steiner Rice*

Have a very happy and safe Easter holiday everybody.

God's blessings

Justine Brown

