

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I am writing to share some news with you that I know will send a ripple of surprise and regret.

After many months of deliberation Mrs Spencer has decided that she no longer wishes to work as a music teacher.

I am sure you will join me in feeling both sad about losing such a highly regarded teacher and concerned as to how we could ever replace someone of such talent.

I know you will all affirm how hard working and dedicated Mrs Spencer has been to our school. Since 2005 she has served the families and pupils of Deal Parochial, she has led in countless top quality musical performances. Many of our pupils hugely benefit from the additional clubs and musical opportunities she offers.

To offer you an explanation as to how this has come about, Mrs Spencer has reached a time in her life when she feels that her creative talents and musical skills must take a new and different direction. I am sure many of you will be aware that Mrs Spencer has composed a number of musicals, children's songs and orchestral compositions. This is calling her more strongly, and in order to fulfil her ambition she feels it is the right time to follow these dreams.

Her leaving creates a huge hole in our school provision but change is an inevitable part of the future that I must now coordinate.

Mrs Spencer will be finishing working at Deal Parochial School as from Thursday 29th March 2018. She will continue with the concert that is booked just after the Easter holidays, for a combined Deal Choir at St George's Church, held on Saturday 21st April.

I know that many of you will be quite startled by this news. I recognise that music is a very important part of our school and the reason for sending your children here.

I will endeavour to work with the governors in order to find the best solution to continue with the outstanding music curriculum and clubs that we offer. I regard it as so beneficial to our Christian ethos, to the self-esteem of many children and the enjoyment and engagement for our school community. It may take some time but I will keep you updated. Thank you for your patience and support.

I am sure many families will wish to contribute towards a leaving gift for Mrs Spencer. You are welcome to send in any donations to the school office in a sealed envelope labelled "Mrs Spencer leaving gift".

Kind regards

Justine Brown

