

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

This is a short newsletter to announce the publication of our OFSTED report.

I have shared the report with the school's governing body and all staff and they have asked me to pass on the following message to you.

Governors are very pleased to receive the strong and positive messages in our OFSTED findings. The inspector has captured the wide ranging features of our school that we can both celebrate and feel proud of.

Ms Waters, our Chair of the governing body expressed her thanks and congratulations to all staff, parents, pupils and the wider school community.

You will receive the OFSTED report, which is a letter addressed to me, via a separate email or paper copy along with this newsletter.

I would like to add my personal thanks to all our wonderful children and families who are supporting this school. We are growing stronger, constantly improving the way in which we meet the needs of our pupils. Our curriculum has never been as engaging or diverse aiming to offer something for everyone.

I know that we still have work to do, but we have a great and very capable team. Your enthusiasm and contributions make a hugely positive difference, providing the pupils with choices, experiences, opportunities and great memories. Thank you.

## **RED NOSE DAY – RED CLOTHES DAY!**

We are keeping it simple, but joining in for those who wish to raise money.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - RED CLOTHES DAY. Please throw £1 in the bucket as a donation to the national charity event. Pupils can wear any red items to school in replace of their school uniform on this day.

## **The Royal Albert Hall – Choir event**

I will be travelling to London with Mrs Spencer, Mrs Porteous, and other adults to proudly watch the School choir take part in a choral event on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We are the only school out of London to be taking part, having been selected through a process of audition.



### **School Expansion update.**

I have been contacted by the area education officer to inform me that the consultation is now closed and the proposal and full outcomes of the consultation process will be presented to the Education Cabinet Committee at their meeting taking place on 30-03-17. If the proposal to expand is agreed a public notice will be posted on the school gate, the parent notice board and staff room. The area education officer will also send it to the local paper.

There is then a four week period when anyone can respond to the public notice.

### **Easter Egg Competition.**

Please release your creative talents and start to work on the Easter Egg decoration competition. All entries must be into school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, in order to display them over our last week of the Easter term, and to give us an opportunity to judge them.

Also please remember to bring a chocolate egg for your child to take part in our Easter Egg Exchange challenge this year. I have noticed that they are they are selling out fast in the shops!

### **Health and Safety Notice**

Mr Knight has noticed that a few parents are driving onto the school site not wearing seatbelts, and in some instances their children are also not wearing belts. Not only is it the law to "Belt up", it is also imperative that we look after the safety of our children. Please "**Drive safely, keeping to the speed limit, slow down as you enter the school, expect young children to be crossing the road**". I ask this of you all in order to avoid any tragic accidents. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Amazing fund raising achievement - NSPCC SPONSORED EVENT TOTAL - £2,435.50**

I am so delighted and proud to pass on my thanks to all our families who took part and collected money for this charity.

The NSPCC event organiser was astounded that a small school such as ours could raise such a staggering amount. It is a credit to your generosity and kindness towards others.

Please accept my enormous gratitude and thanks. Well done.

### **Pause for reflection**

The Meaning of Lent for Christians.

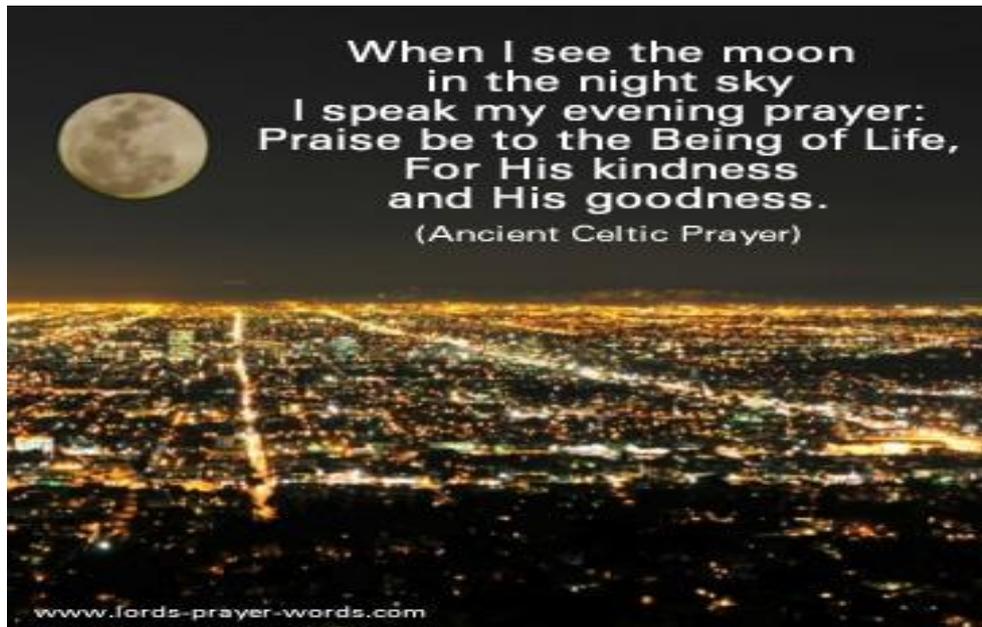
Lent is the 40 day period in the Church calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and finishes on Maundy Thursday. Because Easter is a movable feast, the dates vary from year to year.

For some people, Lent is really about denying yourself of something that you enjoy in order to be reminded that it's God that you depend on in life that it's your heavenly Father that you most need in life - not Facebook or a favourite food. This is the real meaning of Lent. In this way Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. He voluntarily removed himself from the pleasures of life and company of people so that he could draw close to God, hear from Him, and prepare Himself for what was to come - an intense period of public ministry culminating in a gruesome death



and extraordinary resurrection. We don't just give something up for Lent. The reason we give it up is to get closer to God. For example, if we have given up chocolate for Lent, when we want some, we remember that we have given it up so we can pray instead.

We can give anything up for Lent - it doesn't have to be food, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a "bad" thing or an "indulgent" thing. But it does need to be something that we will miss, and is important to us. So for children a favourite T.V. cartoon or a computer game might be a difficult (and good!) thing to give up.



Kind regards.

Have a lovely weekend.

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