

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Newsletter 2, Term 1

Dear Parents / Carers

## Healthy living: Jog-a-Long Morning Start

Come and join the children at 8:25 on the school playground on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday morning, whilst they have the opportunity to fill their lungs with air and get their heartbeat racing during our **Jog-a-Long mornings**.

**We already have a committed 30 children taking part with the adults leading the session.**

**We are going to move the session forward from 8:30 to 8:25 am for 15 minutes stopping at 8:40am.**

## Love In A Box Appeal

We are hoping that you will all show your generosity by sending in items or fill your own shoe box as a donation towards this charity. I appreciate money is tight these days; it seems we can buy less and less for the same money, but please try to contribute.

If you would prefer, you can send in just one item to help us make up some boxes at school. Items such as, felt tips, small colouring pads and books, pens and note books, toothbrushes, hair grips and accessories, a deflated football, a tennis ball, toys, gloves, scarves and hats etc. will all be so gratefully received by children who have very little joy or comfort in their lives. Thank you.

Please bring your contributions to the school office area no later than Wednesday 10th October. Thank you so much.

## Harvest Service

This Friday we are holding an off curriculum Art day for all the school children to engage and consider Harvest of the Sea through the creative arts.

We will be walking to St Leonard's Church, in Upper Deal, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, to arrive for 10am. We will be leaving the school straight after registration.

Unfortunately, Rev Flewker has explained that the upper balcony requires urgent repair work and it is currently unsafe to use. This means that we cannot invite our families to come along and take part as we would like to do. I am very sorry about this.

We thought that with the limited space this leaves, we should invite the New Parents from the Foundation Stage class (The Seahorses) and those parents who are able to walk up to the church as part of the volunteer help we so need and appreciate.



## Parent Teacher Consultation evenings

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 3:30 pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4:00 pm - 6:00pm

Please sign up for an appointment on the sheets outside your child's classroom from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. If you are unable to sign up this way please email the school [secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk) with your preferred time slot, we will do our best to accommodate you. This is an important opportunity for you to find out if your child is working at the expected standard, how they are responding to the teaching and learning and how you can help your child to ...

**Be the Best that They Can Be!**

### Public Notice for your attention:- Gas Mains Replacement Works - Mill Hill Deal

I & G Contractors Ltd working on behalf of SGN have planned gas mains replacement works at Mill Hill, Deal.

Due to the location of the gas main and services, the road will be closed between the junction of St James Close and Manor Road.

Works are to start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and last for approximately 6 weeks or until the works are complete.

### DEALT Multi Academy Trust Update

A meeting was held last night with all the governors from the seven schools considering converting to academy status.

This provided the opportunity for us all to listen to the same information and to ask pertinent questions about the delegated responsibilities and accountability, as well as look more closely at the financial horizons.

There is still a lot of deliberation and questions to be answered, as well as further information gathering and trouble shooting exercises to be carried out.

As we work together, to unravel the legal and financial substance of the mixed Mat that is proposed, we are still bound to have some unanswered questions and uncertainties.

We are finding it most helpful to listen to each other and consider the proposal from different perspectives and view points. A robust debate is a good debate. It is such a big commitment that it is important to try our hardest to establish the fullest picture before making a final decision.

Our full governing body will be meeting again this term in order to digest the recent information and discuss whether we are still wishing to proceed on this journey with the other schools.



All schools are sending this message out to parents this week from the DEALT steering group.

*'Governors from all 7 schools involved in the proposal to become the DEALT academy met last night for a presentation by Adrian Smith (project manager) and Jo Hygate (interim CEO).*

*The agreement at the end of that meeting was for all governors to meet in their own schools, before the end of this term, to review all responses to survey, letters and questions raised, the articles, the scheme of delegation and individual school finances. It is hoped at the end of these meetings that governors will make a commitment as to whether they wish to proceed with conversion or not.'*

We welcome any questions or comments. Please email them to me, [headteacher@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk).

Don't forget you can read minutes of the steering group meetings and find the proposed DRAFT legal framework documents on our school website.

Thank you.

### **A Moment for Reflection.**

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family."

Matthew 5:9 MSG

With kind regards

Justine Brown

