



Wednesday 21st March 2018

Newsletter Spring Term 4

Dear Parents / Carers

We have quite a few things to celebrate as well as events to look forward to as the term comes to an end.

Important Diary Dates and Events

Easter Welly Decorating Competition

Don't forget to start decorating an old un-loved welly with an Easter theme. You can fill the boot with homemade Easter symbols, plant up with flowers, create a stand for a cross, and decorate the boot with strings, ribbons and stickers. I am sure you will come up with some FAB ideas and creations.

Easter Cross

In addition we are asking families to bring in flowers, imitation or real, to decorate a large Easter cross that we will place outside the main entrance as part of our Easter celebrations. Mr Knight will twine some wire around the cross and put oasis in part so that plants can decorate it. Easter artefacts and objects can also be attached so that the cross becomes a bright, living sculpture of our faith and community. Mr Knight will put the cross out on Monday 26th March. Please contribute. Thank you.

Wednesday 28th March – Easter Service

This takes place at St Andrew's Church Deal. Please do not arrive too early as the church has another service taking place before ours. Also, if you remember the seating is a little cramped for us all, so can you please leave all the front seats free for the pupils to sit on with their class teachers.

The service starts at 10:30am. Each class will give a short Easter message, so it would be lovely to welcome our families and friends.

Wednesday 28th March

At 2.40pm the **School Choir** will perform a medley of songs that they have been rehearsing each week. The performance will take place in the school hall and parents of the school choir are invited to attend.

Thursday 29th March

This is the last day of term 4 before we break up for a very well deserved 2 week holiday.

On this day we will be holding a KS 1 Birthday assembly, followed by an **Easter Rock 'n Roll sung worship**. The pupils can join in singing with Pastor Jes from the Deal Community Church, and Mrs Murray, who will play their electric guitars as a lively and modern Easter worship. Many thanks for their enthusiastic contribution to school life.

We then hope to carry out the **Easter Egg Relay Race** for each class.

For this each pupil must bring in a relatively cheap and cheerful Easter egg. All eggs are collected up and used as part of a team Easter relay competition.

Please contribute and send in a chocolate Easter egg the day before ready for the PTFA to gather and organise. Mr Earl will coordinate the team races.

Unfortunately if we do not receive enough Easter eggs the competition cannot take place.



Deal Parochial School achieves some new personal bests. Let's celebrate!

HAMMOND CUP WINNERS 2018

Deal Parochial 1 - Sandwich Primary 0

Deal Parochial won their first trophy in football after a very hard fought game against Sandwich Primary. Prior to the match myself Mr Knight, Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Cureton travelled down to Sussex to collect those in year 6 from their week long stay at PGL, they were extremely tired after a fun packed week but were in high spirits for the cup final, after one car breaking down, numerous calls to coaches, referees to delay kick off, calls to people to rescue those who have broken down, we made it to Warden House for the Hammond cup final which kicked off at 4.15pm.

On a warm afternoon Deal Parochial kicked off against Sandwich Primary in the Final of the Hammond Cup. Despite half the team being rather tired they started the game at a fast pace with high intensity. The team showed great sportsmanship throughout the game with amazing team work but had to work extremely hard against a very strong Sandwich opposition.

A single goal from Kai A, after fantastic link up play, settled the difference from two fantastic teams playing amazing football. In the second half, Sandwich tried in vain to equalise but our team defended and kept possession extremely well to hold on for their first ever cup win.

Man of the match goes to the whole team for great attitude.

Mr Earl.

Wooo woooo!

Well done everyone. A huge thank you to Mr Earl who has coached and inspired the football team. And SUPER FAB to all the players and parents for your effort and support. Ms Brown.

DEAL PAROCHIAL WINS COUNTY TENNIS AWARD FOR EDUCATION FOR 2017

On Saturday 10th March 2018, Mrs Hodgson, Mr Earl and Mrs Heyworth attended the 2017 Annual Awards for Kent Tennis on behalf of Deal Parochial School.

Our school was one of three primary schools that had been shortlisted within the county for the Education Award. We were thrilled when we were announced as the winners for our category. It was particularly nice to receive our Award from Vanessa Webb (who we know so well as the tennis co-ordinator at the Deal Indoor Tennis Centre) who has recently become the president of the Kent LTA.

Earlier during the presentation evening, we had already been delighted when Daniel Hodgson, a former pupil from Deal Parochial who helps each week at our after school tennis club, won the Young Volunteer Award for 2017.

Both our School and Daniel will now represent Kent at the Regional LTA's Tennis Awards later this year.

This is a huge achievement for a small school such as ours. It reflects the hard work and dedication from Mrs Hodgson and other supporting parents. It also demonstrates how popular and successful tennis has become as an established sports option at this school. I am absolutely delighted and so proud of the honour this has brought our pupils and staff.

I want to express my enormous gratitude to Mrs Hodgson and Mr Earl and a "triple star studded super-duper,

wow-tastic hip, hip hooray" for all our tennis players across the whole school. We will keep you posted with news of the Regional finals.



Important information about a local event and Road Closures that will impact on collecting pupils at the end of a school day.

You will already be aware from my previous newsletters that the Deal Primary and Secondary Schools have been working collaboratively towards a very important historic celebration that will be taking place in Deal. The date is swiftly advancing. Here is some up to date information about the organisation for the day.

The Royal Marines Heritage Trail - Monday 23rd April at 3:00pm at Deal Castle.

The official launch of the Royal Marines Heritage Trail (Deal and Walmer) will take place on Monday 23rd April at 3:00pm at Deal Castle.

The Band of Her Majesty Royal Marines and a Colour Guard from HM Royal Marine Commandos will parade through the town as they "Exercise the Freedom of the Borough of Deal" with Fixed Bayonets and Colours Flying.

It is important to note that two periods of 20 minute Road Closures in this area of Deal & Walmer will be put into place to facilitate these Parades including:-

1. Dover Road, Walmer from Cornwall Road junction along The Strand to Gilford Road at Deal Castle and all minor roads along this route from 2:50pm to 3:20pm approximately.
2. Following the Official Launch Event at Deal Castle the Royal Marines will "Exercise the Freedom of the Borough" of Deal on the area to the East of Deal Castle and a second period of road closures will be enforced from Deal Castle to The Royal Hotel including King Street, the High Street and St George's Road between 3:55pm and 4:25pm approximately.

It is important to note that the main Dover Road leading into and out of Deal and a number of other roads in the town will be officially closed during the period of these two Parades from about 2:55pm until 3:25pm and again between 3:55pm and 4:25pm.

We are aware that this will coincide with the normal end of the school day and could impact on your school run.

We wish you to be aware of these plans in advance so that you can make alternative arrangements to collect your school pupils.

I am sure that many parents would like to take the afternoon off work and attend this very important and prestigious event.

Our current Year 5 pupils have all contributed towards a display depicting the history of Deal during the Royal Marines time in the town. The display will be on show in Deal Castle and along the front just for this day.

We would like to take all of Year 5 to stand with staff and enjoy this event. A special allocated space reserved for school parties has been arranged. Other pupils will need to be accompanied by their parents. A letter to Year 5 pupils will follow.

Therefore, we propose that parents can opt to collect pupils at 2pm on Monday 23rd April, in order to safely depart and get to Deal Castle and the sea front area to enjoy the event and look at the children's displays that they have prepared. We will send a consent form for parents to indicate their wish to take children out of school early. Staff will remain on site for those parents who will not be attending and who will be collecting their children, by foot at the usual time of 3:15pm.



Times Tables Rock Stars

In our drive to encourage children in KS2 to learn their times tables we have signed up to 'Times Tables Rocks Stars' -an online programme where children can earn points by answering times tables questions. All children in Years 3-6 have a user name and password to access the programme. Please encourage your child to have a go – it's great FUN!

You can find a link to the website on our school web page under [Pupils, Learning Links, Timestables Rock Stars](#) or at the following address: <https://beta.trockstars.com/>

A moment for reflection

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving,
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see,
our lips to praise,
our hands to share,
and may our feet tread lightly
on the road that, together, we travel.
Amen

Enjoy the sunshine and the lighter evenings as the clocks go forward this weekend.

Kind regards
Justine Brown

