

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

## Children in Need

I just wanted to congratulate you all on your marvellous effort towards the Children in Need non uniform day last Friday here at DP.

The children looked very bright, bold and bonkers, as did the staff!! Check out the picture on our school blog!

All the money raised will be sent to Children in Need and go to a worthy cause.

## PTFA - new members and representatives.

Thank you to those parents who came along to the Annual General Meeting held by the Parent Teacher and Family Association last Thursday. – PTFA

The school really values your continued enthusiasm and support towards fund raising and social events. We now have newly elected members of the team. They will be meeting very soon to start to organise the very popular Christmas Fair. Please offer your help for the day and get involved in this great team. Many thanks.

## Road Safety

It is '**National Road Safety Week**' this week. I have arranged for a travelling road show - "The Road Safety Magic Show" to give a lively, interactive show for the younger members of the school – Robins, Barn Owls and Goldfinch classes.

With the dark nights closing in, please try to ensure that children wear bright, reflective items of clothes – this can save lives, preventing car accidents.

## Reading and phonics workshop for parents of children in the Robins class.

Mrs Messenger will be giving a short presentation about how to help support reading and phonics for parents of children in the EYFS class. This will take place at 3:20 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, in the Robins classroom. Please come along.

## Girls football match - new football strip debut

Mrs Hodgson and Mr Earl are leading our girls' football team in a home match against Whitecliffs Primary School Dover, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Kick off is 3:30pm. Supporters are welcome.



You will see our girls' team playing for the first time in their new football strip. This has been very generously funded by a parent – Mrs Hudson. Her children are all very sporty; both girls, Ella and Leanna, represent the school in our girls' football team. The team chose the design for the strip which helps them look perfect for their competitions. The girls will present themselves very professionally and I know they will wear the strip with pride, which will fire them on to play their very best.

Thank you to Mrs Hudson for your generous gift to the girls' football team from all of the team and staff.

### **Admission for 2017**

Don't forget – if you have a child who will be 5 years old in the academic year 2017-2018 then you need to apply for a place in a school by January 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. You do this on line via [Kent.gov.uk/ola](http://Kent.gov.uk/ola).

I am currently showing families around the school who are interested in places to start the EYFS class in September 2017. Please phone the school office to make an appointment should you require this or please let any families / friends know also. Many thanks.

### **Cake Sale 25-11-16**

The PTFA, along with Year 5 and families, are holding our popular cake sale on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November after school. It's always nice to finish the week with a treat!

### **Collective Worship**

In our collective worship we are following the theme of journeys. The values link is perseverance.

I have started to share John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress with the children - a simplified version! Through this we explore the journey of life and the challenges that cross our paths; how to be prepared for these and how to deal with them from a Christian perspective.

### **A moment for reflection**

Lord, you have brought us to a time of reflection and rest. Calm us, and give us your peace to refresh us. Keep us close to Christ that we may be closer to one another because of his perfect love. In the name we pray.

Amen.

Kind regards

Ms Justine Brown

