

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back!

Firstly I would like to thank our PTFA – Parent, Teacher & Family Association for organising a most successful disco that took place at the end of Term 1. The children had a great time and showed us all their fabulous dance moves!

The PTFA are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2:30pm. We will meet in the school hall. This is an opportunity to thank those parents who have served the school and been active members of the PTFA. In particular I would like to thank Mrs Comlay who has been the secretary for a number of years. A lot of work is carried out behind the scenes in order to hold any school event, in particular communicating with parents, advertising events and requesting support from local businesses.

Thank you, Mrs Comlay for all your hard work, enthusiasm and time given to the school.

Please come to the AGM if you have the time and would like to contribute towards your child's enriched opportunities at our school.

### School events

- Year 4 will be walking to the Deal Tennis Centre for their block of tennis coaching over the course of Term 2. This will take place every Friday
- Collective Worship: - Rev David Flewker – St Leonard's Church, Vicar Chris Spencer – St George's Church and Father Roger – St Andrew's Church will be leading collective worship at some point this term. We welcome and value their support to our school. Thank you.
- Lighthouse Christian Lunchtime club will continue for Yrs. 5 & 6 pupils.
- **SCHOOL CLOSED – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.** This is a staff training day. All staff will be taking part. We will be focusing on inclusion, and carrying out safeguarding update awareness training with the Local Education Safeguarding Team.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – The community Engagement Officer for Kent Police will be visiting every class room to talk about their role in the community.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – DRESSING UP - HIGH VIZ DAY. Children need to be seen in the winter months, this is part of our road safety awareness. All pupils can dress up in bright, fluorescent, sparkly, neon colours and have a non uniform day.
- KS1 will also be having a road safety show in the afternoon. Pupils are asked to contribute £1 for this performance.
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – ADVENT begins the Christmas season – We are holding a non uniform Tag day. In exchange we ask pupils to bring in a Christmas Fair donation for the Tombola stall. Donations can be smellies, chocolates, biscuits, tins of sweets etc. If you are donating anything in bottles please bring this into the main office to avoid breakages and injury. Thank you.



- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – the Yr 5 & 6 choir will be performing at St George’s Church. Parent volunteers for transport will be greatly appreciated. Mrs Spencer will be providing further information.
- Save the date – **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** straight after school in our school hall  
**Bonanza Christmas Fair**  
We need parent volunteers to help set up, run stalls and pack away. Please watch out for the PTFA letter in order to get involved.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Yrs. 1 - 6 will be attending the Goodwin Academy Christmas Panto. This will take place during school time.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner day. Don’t forget to book a school dinner for your child even if they normally have one. Whole School Meals will send out a menu and order form nearer the time. It is always a very festive occasion.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity dress rehearsal for KS 1 pupils.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – bring the Kleenex – it’s the KS1 Nativity performance held at St George’s Church. Doors open at 1:45pm to start at 2pm. You know you can’t afford to miss this festive treat!
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Silly Christmas jumper day. Uniform and a silly jumper!
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Class Christmas Party days. Teachers will post up a party food menu for parents to sign up to. They may also like a little extra help. If you feel sufficiently brave to volunteer to help out during the afternoon, please see the class teacher. Put some cotton wool in your ears, the children get very excited!!
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Christingle service held in school, led by Yr. 3; prayers from Yr. 6 and singing from our school choir.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. **END OF TERM. School closes at 3:15pm as usual.**

**Important change to the school calendar:** The school will be **open** for pupils to attend as usual on **Friday 9th February 2018**. Instead the school will be **closed** on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018** as a staff training day.

### Prayer requests

Some staff members meet up for prayer several times a week in their break time. They would like to pray for you, your situation or about your concerns for others. On the window ledge, in the foyer, there is a wooden treasure box where you can put any prayer requests (named or anonymous). They will treat your request with confidentiality.

### Sports review

#### The McCarthy Cup

2 wins and 2 draws was enough to earn Deal Parochial a place in the Final on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Warden House.

Deal Parochial School did themselves proud with excellent team work and sportsmanship throughout the football competition at Warden House. A 3-0 win over Wingham, a 1-1 draw against St. Mary’s, a wonderful strike by Ashton M from half way line. A 1-0 win over Cartwright and Kelsey followed by a 0-0 draw against Sandwich. Other goal scorers were Noel C and Ashton M.

Mr Earl



## Attendance

The overall winner for the Term 1 Punctuality Pup is **Yr. 2 - the Scots Pine Class**. Well done Pine trees.

The overall winner for Attendance for Term 1 is **Yr 1 – the Horse Chestnuts Class**. Again, VERY well done!

We are very proud of all the children who managed 100% attendance last Term. There were 113 pupils who attended school every day. That is FANTASTIC! Thank you to everyone for your consistent and concerted effort towards improving our overall attendance.

Please remember requests for holiday will not be authorised unless there are very special circumstances. The school now follows the local authority policy to issue penalty fines to parents where there is 10 sessions or more absence in 100 sessions due to holidays.

### Percentage Attendance for Term 1

Class name / yr. group	Attendance	Absence and rating.
Hazel Tree – EYFS	97.9	On target – Super
Horse chestnuts – Yr 1	98.5	Brilliant – Top banana! 
Scots Pine tree – Yr 2	98.4	Brilliant – Top banana!
Sycamore tree – Yr 3	95.5	Nearly there
Willow Tree – Yr 4	97.3	On target – Super
Silver birch Tree - Yr 5	98.3	Brilliant – Top banana! 
Oak Tree – Yr 6	96.4	On target - Good

Attendance–All Pupils	97.5%	<b>Target 96%</b>
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### Free school meal eligibility

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of any of the following:

Income Support / income-based Jobseeker's Allowance / income-related Employment and Support Allowance / support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 / the guaranteed element of Pension Credit / Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) / Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit / Universal Credit

If you think you may be entitled and would like more information, please contact the school office, in confidence.



## **A moment of reflection**

The theme for collective worship is The Lord's Prayer. This is the universal Christian prayer, which is said all over the world.

As part of our reflection we talked about what we would like in our relationships with the ideal father both from God the Father and from family fathers. We shared our thoughts and were very mindful for those who do not see their fathers, and celebrated all the step fathers also. I acknowledged that this subject can be painful for some of us. However we jointly composed a prayer which I am sharing with you from the children's own suggestions.

### **God our Father in Heaven**

#### **We pray that our fathers will:**

**Always be there,**

**Always help,**

**Always show patience,**

**Always give us trust,**

**Always comfort,**

**Always forgive,**

**Always Love.**

**AMEN**

I hope we all have a very successful term together. Remember, do not hesitate to come into school and talk to your child's class teacher or myself if you have any concerns or queries.

Kind regards  
Justine Brown

