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A prayer for the New Year



Eternal God,
 bless this new beginning
 with an extra spirit of your strength,
 so that we may turn our days
 into blessings of your name.

Amen.

Newsletter Term 3, Spring 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that the Christmas holiday enabled some rest and restoration as well as some festive celebrations.

I would like to thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that you have generously given. The kind words of support written in Christmas cards and E mails are especially appreciated. Thank you.

We have booked some exciting and engaging curriculum activities to brighten the dreary winter blues.

DATE	EVENTS AND VISITORS	WHERE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
21.01.10	10:10 Rev D Flewker (from St Leonard's Church) leading Collective Worship	At school.	Parents invited to join us in worship at 10:10 for 20 minutes.
23-01 & 24-01 2019	STEM workshops taking place at our school. Science, Technology, Engineering Maths	During the school day.	
28-01-19	Rock n Roll Worship with guests from Deal Community Church	School day.	
29-01-19	Yr R hearing and vision screening - NHS	School day.	
31-01-19	Emotional Literacy and good mental health day	Whole day dedicated to emotional literacy awareness – Colour Monster re launch and focus.	Hands on parent support during the day would be appreciated. We will be carrying our arts and crafts; interactive prayer and reflection stations and small group self esteem activities.
04-02-19	Vicar Chris (from St George's Church) leading Collective Worship	At school.	Parents invited to join us in worship at 10:10 for 20 minutes.



05-02-19	Safer Internet Day – S.I.D	Activities taking place at school.	This year every class will prepare an information leaflet for parents and peers to read. Please watch out for this being sent home to celebrate and read their important safer internet messages.
TBC	Safety In Action	Yr 6 will be attending a County funded Safety Awareness session which looks at a range of environmental safety issues relevant for our young people such as Railway Line Dangers. This is off site – I am waiting for the date to be confirmed.	A coach will take the children for the half day event.
07-02-19	Deal Learning Alliance Spelling Bee competition	Yr 3 & 4 – 9:15 Yr 5 & 6 - 10:30	At Deal Parochial School Children will be selected by the class teacher and their parents invited to attend
Thursday 14 th February	LAST DAY OF TERM 3	One week off school Return to school, Monday 25th February 2019.	Pupils to be collected at the usual time of 3:15pm. Thank you
01-03-19	Tennis competition against Wingham Primary School	Held at Deal Indoor Tennis Centre.	Mrs Hodgson will contact individual tennis players and their parents /carers
08-03-19	Dover Swimming Gala	Held at Dover Leisure Centre.	Individual pupils invited to take part.
08-03-19	Pupil progress and achievement reports sent to parents.		
12-03-19 - 15-03-19	Yr 6 Residential 4 day visit to Kingswood - Ashford		
15-03-19	Red Nose Charity Day Fun whole school assembly	Further possible activities to be decided.	
19-03-19	School Choir taking part in the Proms Praise for Schools Concert	Taking place at the Royal Albert Hall London.	Mr Greenhalgh our music teacher is the principal organiser. Parent helpers required.
25-03-19	Vicar Chris (from St George's Church) leading Collective Worship	10:10 am start.	Parents invited to attend.
26-03-19	Yr 5 music trip-Workshop to learn about the Philharmonic Orchestra – Virtual Workshop	The Sidney Cooper Gallery Canterbury.	Mr Greenhalgh – leading trip.
27-03-19& 28-03-2019	Parent Teacher Consultations	Taking place in each classroom.	A reminder will be sent out a few weeks before, inviting you to sign up outside the classrooms or via email to the school secretary
29-03-19	Pfizer Science Day -hands on investigations	WORK SHOPS and demonstration/ presentations throughout the day.	Taking place in school.
05-04-19	LAST DAY OF TERM 4	Easter holidays start.	2 weeks holiday. Children back to school on Tuesday 23 rd April.



I am yet to fix a date for our Easter service and determine the theme for our Easter Art Family competition. I will let you know about these events in good time.

Thank you to parents and grandparents who take part in our school activities and volunteer support; it makes such a difference enabling our pupils to engage and enjoy their school day and learning.

I am meeting with Mrs Joice our PTA chair soon, in order to plan the next social and fundraising events for all our families. Please watch out for the PTA news updates.

Behaviour Policy

We recently updated our behaviour policy which followed a very helpful workshop review with some parents. At this review meeting, we agreed that it would be helpful for parents /carers to receive a letter that brings to their attention any recorded disruptive behaviour that their child has carried out repeatedly; we decided 3 times within a term. (Parents/Carers are always contacted following a recorded behaviour incident.) The intention for this is to enable parents to support the school, highlight to us any reasons lying behind the behaviours that we do not know about and to helpfully reduce the number of incidents so that the child feels happy and positive at home and school.

From time to time children need a little extra support and structures to enable them to make the right choices and exercise self control.

All pupils have opportunities to reflect and are explicitly taught Character Education which addresses good virtues in life such as this week's theme of Fairness. This is threaded throughout our Collective Worship and our Personal, Social Emotional and Health Curriculum – PSHE, that is delivered every week.

We all know that behaviour is a form of communication and an expression of something else, and that no child wants to be in trouble.

I am sending you a copy of this letter. Please do not view it as a punitive means for the school to judge or chastise parents, it really is a way for us to communicate, work more closely together and not let unwanted behaviours slip through the net or get over looked.

I trust that I can rely on you positive support and cooperation if the need to send out such a letter is required in the future. It often helps for parents /carers to reiterate and talk through any incidents at home so that the child can reflect on their part played and think about how to stop this from reoccurring. Thank you.

The behaviour policy is available in the school entrance or on our school web site.

Many thanks.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to discuss any concerns. I am also available to support on any issues that may arise and always have a positive approach to solving things that come up.

Kind regards

Justine Brown

Head Teacher



Behaviour Policy Appendix – Sample letter to parents informing them of recorded behaviour incidents.

Dear Parents / Carers

In line with the school's behaviour policy, I am writing to let you know there have been three recent recorded incidents of poor behaviour by your child_____.

I appreciate that this may cause you some concern.

Our school staff, are fully aware that poor behaviour can often be a sign that something is troubling a child and we are here to help.

You can help us by discussing the nature of the behaviour with your child.

Please support the school by explaining that we do want to help but that this behaviour is unacceptable and must change.

If you would like to discuss this in greater detail with a member of staff please contact the school office to make an appointment so that we can work together to find some positive solutions and prevent further problems.

Yours sincerely

Justine Brown

Additional Information

