

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year everyone! On behalf of myself, Mrs Booth, Mrs Clugston, Mrs Toogood and Ms Pettitt we would like to say a huge thank you for all the kind Christmas gifts and cards that we received; we really are very appreciative. We hope everyone had a good Christmas and wishing you a lovely New Year.

## Topic:

Our topic this term is **Amazing Adaptations**. This is a Science based topic and we shall be studying how animals are suited to the environment in which they live and how adaptation may lead to change.

**Numeracy:** We will be covering decimals, percentages and algebra before moving onto measures. We will also continue to focus on written methods of calculation. Regular practise is essential to develop and retain efficient methods so I will be setting regular arithmetic questions as part of their homework. Times table knowledge is also essential, so please support your child in continuing to learn these.

**Religious Education/PSHE:** 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' will be our RE focus. We will also be continuing our 'Lighting the Candle' project and discussing emotions, using 'The Colour Monster'. This is a whole school initiative and details will be on the school newsletter.

**PE:** Our P.E. sessions this term will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Tuesday will be indoor P.E. and Friday will be tennis lessons in Tides sports hall with qualified instructors; a separate **consent form** has been sent home about this. Your child will require full P.E. kit in school, which for games sessions can include a tracksuit and trainers. We shall be walking from school to Tides on Fridays in PE kit, so a tracksuit would be beneficial for this. If your child is unable to take part in a P.E. session, please could you send an email or note or I shall expect them to take part.

**Please ensure that all items of clothing, especially PE kit, are clearly marked with your child's name.** It is very hard to reunite lost items with owners if no name is on them- please do check as some names that have been written on labels and are now very faint.

## PGL residential trip:

As explained in the initial meeting, the final balance for the PGL trip is due by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. (Please refer to the dates in your payment plan if applicable.)



According to our records, you have----- outstanding.

Please speak to the office, or to Ms Pettitt if you have any worries or concerns about payment.

There is a **recommended kit list** attached. This is just a guide, using recommendations from PGL and our previous experiences over the years. More details will follow when we have had confirmation from PGL regarding activities etc. Last year, old shoes were needed for some activities so this may be added if necessary. Old school shoes proved to be useful for this!

A **medical form** is also attached. Please could you complete this and return as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support this year, the children are all working hard and we have a happy and positive class.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, or any other matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day, email at [bowlesm@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:bowlesm@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk) or contact the office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Bowles

