

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank our ground force volunteers who stayed after school last Friday and helped to spruce up our school outdoor environment.

The courtyard certainly has had a much needed face lift with painted planters, a jolly good weeding and some new hanging baskets. All helpers had a go at creating out new character signs that will be going up around the grounds of the school. We used all the blue and green plastic milk bottle tops creating the large wording. Mr Knight has worked hard preparing the MDF letter boards. A huge thank you to everyone for sending in the plastic tops and for the work carried out. We would like to continue collecting the plastic tops ready to make more pictures and signs. Please continue to send them in to school. There is a collection container in the school entrance.

Safety on the playground – we have noticed many children riding scooters and bikes in the playground after school. Unfortunately with so many children making use of our school grounds, we feel it is not safe for the children to be whizzing about on the school premises. In order to avoid an accident, **children must dismount as they enter the school grounds**. I ask that parents remind and monitor their children in this new rule. Thank you.

Unfortunately, Mrs Messenger remains unwell, and will be unable to return to work this term. I am sure you will join me in passing on our best wishes to her and hope that she recovers in order to join the team as soon as possible. In the mean time I am most grateful to Mrs Hurst who will continue to teach in the Hazel Nut class – EYFS. Our parents and children in this year group have been very fortunate to benefit from the consistency of Mrs Hurst's class teaching and fabulous nurturing along with Mrs Jones the teaching assistant.

Events this week:

Monday 18th June - Yr 5 parent / carers – Sex education and relationship programme / policy outlined - in Yr 5. Ms Warner will be leading this. Commencing at 3:30pm

Tuesday 19th June - All pupils to watch the N.E.D show which is all about GROWTH MINDSET and having a CAN DO approach in our lives.

Wednesday 20th June - I am so pleased to welcome back to our school Mr Henderson and the Pfizer's Science Workshops. They have prepared a fabulous whole school assembly that promises to add the WOW factor into science investigations for everyone. This is followed by a series of workshops for KS2 pupils that will be taking place throughout the day. Pupils will have the opportunity to wear the lab coats and experiment - HANDS ON – with various science phenomena. I would like to express my huge thanks to Mr Henderson and the team of Pfizer scientists for volunteering their time in planning and delivering such an exciting LEARNING opportunity for the children at school.



Thursday 21st June - Yr 6 are holding their business and money awareness curriculum event. We call it the Fiver Challenge. The pupils have to plan a business sales event using £5 as their starting point for any bought in produce. It is judged on the profit they make at the sale, so please bring your purses & wallets with you and join the sale at the end of the school day on Thursday. It will take place outside the entrance to Yr 6 and any profits made will go towards the end of Year 6 events.

Friday 22nd June - This is another Tag Day. All children can wear non school uniform and in return please send in chocolate items and any cakes that we can sell at the Summer Fair.

Saturday 23rd June - **SUMMER FAIR**

Deal Parochial Summer Fair. I realise that many families have other engagements that clash this year. If you can drop round for half an hour and support the school we would really appreciate seeing you there. The gates open at 11am and close at 2pm. We have a bouncy castle and an inflatable football / golf shoot-out and an inflatable slide, a BBQ, cake stall, games, a bottle Tombola, a cuddly toy raffle and other stalls.

Thank you to those parents who are working behind the scenes busy preparing for the day.

Next week we are holding our first History Week. On display will be a fantastic, commercially produced history time line. We have had this tailor made to include some important historical events that have taken place in Deal.

Yr 4 will be walking the Royal Marine Heritage Trail with Bill Butler, that was opened in April, Yr 3 are visiting the Timeball Tower, Yr 2 are visiting Deal Castle, Yr 5 have recently visited the Maritime Museum in Deal and Yr 6 are having a presentation about the Battle of Trafalgar by Mr Derek Murphy. We also welcome The Worshipful Town Mayor Cllr Nick Tomaszewski, who is visiting the school on Thursday 28th June. On this day, we are holding a Dressing up day where children can come dressed as a person or event in history. We aim to create our own living time line using all our pupils dressed up. Please try to prepare a costume and encourage your children to join in the fun. Mrs Theaker has also arranged for the school to have some history artefacts on loan from the History Museum in Dover for class workshops. Many thanks to Mr John Iverson for organising this.

Friday 29th June - we have arranged Educational History Workshops as well as an amazing whole school assembly that will start the day off with a large dinosaur walking into the hall.

We ask that children make a voluntary contribution to the events of £2 per child. Without this, it is doubtful that the school can afford to run future fun extra curriculum enrichment events as they cost hundreds of pounds. Thank you in advance. Please send in your child's £2 contribution in an envelope marked with their name and History Week. Thank you.

Mrs Battenfield is holding a musical celebration on Monday 2nd July for all parents / carers of children who are in the choir or learning to play the recorder in Yr 3 or play another musical instrument. The concert will start at 2:30 pm and will take place in the school hall.

Tuesday 3rd July – School Sports Day afternoon

Timings to follow shortly.



Thursday 5th July - Secondary School Transition day for Yr 6 pupils.

All year 6 pupils will attend their secondary school for the day. They must wear their usual school uniform. Parents should ensure that their children arrive safely, giving some support in getting familiar with the journey to and from their new school.

We will also be holding our transition day within school with the exception of our Yr 5 pupils who are away on their fabulous overnight stay at Rippledawn with Ms Warner and staff. This is all part of their preparations for the longer Yr 6 residential trip.

The new intake of EYFS children for September will also have their first taster session at school on Thursday 5th.

As you can see school is very busy. Teachers are gathering assessments and evidence of pupil achievements and progress, they are busy arranging sports days, swimming gala and individual pupil reports - it is a very packed term and it is this that makes school life so dynamic. I hope you all agree that it is a very exciting time for our pupils. Thank you for your support.

A moment for reflection

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father

We thank you for our school, our pupils, our teachers, our parents and our governing body. Help us to grow together as a worshipping, learning community.

We ask that you give us the humility to share our strengths and gifts humbly, and the determination, resilience and open-mindedness to listen to others when we are struggling.

We thank you for the friendships that we make at our school and we ask for your loving care as you watch over our school.

Most of all we ask that you continue to teach us and lead us, in being the people you would like us to be, as you walk beside us every day of our lives.

We ask this prayer in your holy name.

Amen

Yours sincerely

Ms Justine Brown

