

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

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Summer season - Term 5

It is so wonderful that the sun has at last graced us all at the beginning of the school term. I am hoping that the school field will quickly dry and pupils can use our lovely field during break and lunch play times.

It is great that at last the sun is shining, please remember how quickly our weather can change and send pupils in to school with suitable coats, and when necessary apply sun screen and hats!

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all our families who joined in the Easter Welly decoration competition, also to everyone who contributed towards building such a stunning Easter Cross at the entrance to our school. The school looked beautiful over the Easter week, you always astound me with your creative ideas – well done, and I hope you enjoyed the activity.

You can find a picture of the winning welly entries and the decorated cross on our web site. Thank you again.

Mrs Spencer has asked me to pass on her thanks to all our staff and parents for her farewell gifts and tea party. You will see her in school this week as she finishes her work with us at DP with another spectacular Combined Choirs event. This will take place on Saturday 21st April at St George's Church, at 7pm, where our own school choir and other local primary schools will perform a musical composition by Mrs Spencer celebrating the Sea as part of the Royal Marines memorial weekend.

Thank you Mrs Spencer, so much, for your glorious talents and gracious teaching.

This week we welcome Mrs Sian Battenfield, as a temporary music teacher. She will take up the post for two terms whilst we advertise the position. Please warmly welcome and assist her with settling into our school.

Important notice: **SPORTS DAY** – change of date. The scheduled annual sports day has been changed from Friday 29th June to **Tuesday 3rd July**. Times for opening the school field in the afternoon for spectators will be confirmed at a later date.

You will see our Yr 6 pupils coming to school with their bicycles over the course of this week in order for them to take part in their Bikeability Training. This is an important stepping stone for their growing up and safety awareness.

News updates

- Summer swimming lessons start next week at Tides. Yr 3 and Yr 4 will be going every Tuesday morning. Class letters will be sent out. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit.
- Mrs Hurst will continue to work as the class teacher in the Early Years class whilst Mrs Messenger recuperates.
- Please keep an eye open and be aware that a consultation letter will be sent out in the near future to all families. This letter will inform you about our proposed formal collaboration with other Deal primary schools, forming a Multi Academy Trust of schools in Deal, and will give you the opportunity to share your views. Information to follow.



Deal Heritage Trail Launch Monday 23rd April 2018

Please note that there is a very prestigious event taking place in our own lovely Deal Town. Many of the local roads will be closed for periods of time during the afternoon in order for the Royal Marines to exercise the Freedom of the Borough.

If you would like to collect your child at 2pm and attend the event this will be authorised. Please inform us in advance if you are planning to take children at 2pm by completing the slip below.

We will dismiss children from the school hall promptly at this time in order for you to get into town. The school remains open for all other pupils until the usual time of 3:15pm.

Please remember the roads in this area will be closed at 2:30pm. There will only be pedestrian access to the school for pick up at the end of the school day.

There is a community event being held on Walmer Green on **Saturday 28th April**; organised to raise awareness and celebrate the Heritage trail.

A 5K race for different age groups and abilities starts at 12pm.

Registration opens at 10am at Walmer Sea Scout Hut. The fastest runner from each category will win an original Bronze Marker Plaque as used on the Royal Marines Heritage Trail. You can register via the website or on the day. Entries costs £5 per adult and all finishers will receive a commemorative medal.

Find more information at:- www.royalmarinesheritagetrails.org/walkrunjog

A moment for reflection

We thank you that Easter is not about a people,
but all people,
that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives
that the tomb is empty
because Jesus is risen,
that we might know forgiveness,
that lives might be reborn
and your name glorified
now and for eternity. Amen

I hope everyone has settled back into the swing of school life ready for a busy and productive term ahead. Do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s class teacher should you have any concerns.

With kind regards

Justine Brown, Head Teacher

Consent form: Royal Marines event

My child will be attending the “Exercise the Freedom of the Borough of Deal” parade.

My child name _____ Class _____ will be collected by _____ (parent / adult name) at 2pm on Monday 23rd April 2018

Signed _____ Date _____

