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SPRING TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Term 4. The spring daffodils are finally in bloom around the school reminding us that the warmer weather is just round the corner.

Term 4 is a busy term of events. I have had to re schedule some in order to fit everything in so please take note of this letter.

Thank you to all the parents who booked their parent teacher consultations in advance. Teachers are available again this evening for the second day of appointments and for Year 4 only on Thursday 1st March this week.

The main event date to change is World Book Day which we will now be celebrating in conjunction with World Poetry day on Thursday 8th March. I think there is a world day for something every day in truth!!

On Thursday 8th March we will have a supersonic READING REALLY REVS DAY!

Children, staff and parents are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book or poem. Go on join in.... We have to!

We will be celebrating our highly effective and successful Reading Recovery provision that all our children are benefiting from. In the morning our successful readers from this programme will be inviting a guest to read aloud to, in our school library. Refreshments will be served.

In the afternoon we will hold our poetry performance assembly. Every class will learn a poem to recite.

Children may get the words as part of a homework task, please help by listening, nodding and smiling in the right places!! In addition, all pupils will be asked to write out the poem in school in their very best handwriting as part of a presentation competition between class members. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Please can we ask for a donation of £1 towards our school resources and Reading Recovery Centre.

This will be followed by an After School Book Swap held in the EAC which is for parents and children to take part in. Please help your children to sort out a few books, that they have read and are in good condition, to bring into school from Monday 5th March. They can swap them for some new reads at no cost. Mrs Messenger and Mrs Foy are busy organising this. Thank you.



Easter

Every year we hold an Easter creative arts competition. This year we have decided to try something new.

Please put your green fingers, your rustic craft designs and your “out of the box” creativity towards assembling an Easter Wellington.

WHAT??? Let’s call it.....

“Ms Brown’s fabulous outdoor welly wonders”

Yes, you did read that correctly – find an old welly, wrap it up in string, ribbons, cords, recyclable plastic things, whatever, fill it with soil and plants, a cross or a flower, or an Easter chick on the top.

I am hoping for some fabulous outdoor “welly wonders” that I can display in the central courtyard of our school. The theme is Easter, new life and the Resurrection of Jesus. Entries will be welcome on Monday 26th March. Please join in, it is a family competition. Let’s have some fun!

Girls' Football: Deal Parochial 0 Sandown 0

This was a close match with lots of effort and commitment on show from all the players.

The first half was very even with both teams creating half chances. In particular for us, Ruby played an inspired lob from outside of the penalty area which dipped just beyond Sandown's crossbar.

We created many more half chances in the second half, as our midfield quartet of Aggie, Ellie, Kaitlin and Ruby became more influential in the game. However, unfortunately, we just could not convert any of our chances.

It was great to see such competitive play and sportsmanship throughout the match. Special well done to Grace, Katy-Jane and Millie, who all made their debuts for the team.

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came and supported us on such a cold afternoon.

DEAL PAROCHIAL TENNIS CHALLENGE 2018

On Friday 23rd February, we hosted our annual sponge ball tennis challenge against Wingham Primary School at the Deal Indoor Tennis Centre.

This year, all the matches were in doubles format; 4 doubles pairs from each school played each other in one round robin league, meaning a total of 28 matches were played. There was lots of good tennis on show, with many of the matches proving to be very close. The afternoon ended with Deal Parochial winning by 64 points to 48 points, and Evan and Liam T being the top doubles pair by winning all 7 of their matches.



Well done to all the children from both Deal Parochial and Wingham for playing with great spirit and sportsmanship. Also, thank you to our year 6 pupils, (George B, Nicholas, Kaitlin and Olivia), who helped run the tournament so smoothly.

Mrs Hodgson

New Parent Governor Appointment

I am pleased to announce that we have a new parent governor, Mr Tony Alltoft, parent of a Year 1 pupil.

Mr Alltoft was nominated and recommended for the vacancy following my newsletter. I am delighted to welcome him aboard the governing body team and would like to thank him for his dedication to the school community.

Saving Plastic tops

Please continue to send in your washed plastic drink container tops. We are collecting them in the red post box and need to fill this before we have sufficient to use them for outdoor art. Thank you.

A moment for reflection

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

What gifts are we going to offer and share with others in our community this week?

May the light of the glorious gospels of Christ shine in our hearts and fill our lives with this joy and peace. Amen.

Wrap up warm and enjoy this winter weather. It is most likely that the school will always be open even during snowy days our staff can get into school.

Justine Brown

