

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Newsletter - Transition day and class lists for academic year 2018 – 2019.

Dear Parents / Carers

This Thursday we lose our lovely year 6 pupils, just for the day, as they start on their new journey in life towards secondary education. We hope they all have a very positive day.

On this day all our pupils will be have the opportunity to spend the day with their teacher for next year.

There are a few changes which have all been carefully considered with staff.

The class arrangements for next year are as follows. As you can see every class has a sea world theme as their name. Please watch out for home tasks linked to the name that teachers may set for some summer holiday activities.

YEAR GROUP	CLASS TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT	CLASS NAME
EYFS	Mrs Friend	Mrs Jones	Sea Horses
Yr 1	Mrs Messenger	Mrs Dougall	Turtles
Yr 2	Mrs Porteous	Mrs Holman	Dophins
Yr 3	Ms Watson	Mrs Blackman	Jellyfish
Yr 4	Ms Cluff / Mrs Theaker	Mrs Clugston	Starfish
Yr 5	Mrs Bowles	Miss Collister	Narwhal (whale)
Yr 6	Ms Warner	Ms Pettitt	The Great White Shark

Sadly, we will be saying farewell and a big thank you to some members of teaching staff:

Firstly, to Mrs Battenfield, who has been our interim music teacher for the summer term. We all wish her the very best as she relocates with her family out of Kent. I really do appreciate how seamlessly she has continued with all our music traditions and curriculum so that our pupil's expectations and love of music was not disrupted. Thank you and good luck for the future.

I would also like to express my thanks and enormous gratitude to Mrs Hurst who stepped up as our supply Foundation Stage teacher to cover Mrs Messengers' absence. Mrs Hurst has maintained a wonderful harmonious learning environment where the children have continued to make good progress in all areas of their development. Mrs Hurst will step down as the supply teacher covering Mrs Messenger's long term absence, but will continue as our resident in house cover teacher.

We also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Reynolds. Mrs Reynolds has been employed here since 2008, as a class teacher for 5 years and then following maternity leave as a booster teacher up until the present day. The school community has watched her grow in professional experience and as a young mother herself. She has always demonstrated a fantastic loyalty and professional excellence towards her teaching responsibilities. She has brought fun, creativity and high standards to all the children she has taught and is gifted in her teaching skills. I would like to thank her for her superb commitment and to the legacy that she leaves us with here at Deal Parochial School. It is time for Mrs Reynolds to broaden her professional experience, and



take up a new post in a different school. We will miss her but I hope that our paths will cross and that we will keep in touch.

The new, part time music teacher who takes up the post in September is called Mr Greenhalgh. He is a very experienced music teacher. We wish him a very warm welcome as he takes up this new appointment at Deal Parochial.

School Meals are cooked on the premises by our local school meals provider "Whole School Meals". A 'Full Meal' is available at £2.30 per day (price for academic year 2018/19). The correct amount of dinner money for the week should be sent to school on Mondays in a sealed envelope, clearly marked DINNER MONEY with the Class Name and the amount on the outside of the envelope. Alternatively you can pay for a term, half-term or simply buy meals in "packets" of 5 from the "Whole School Meals website".

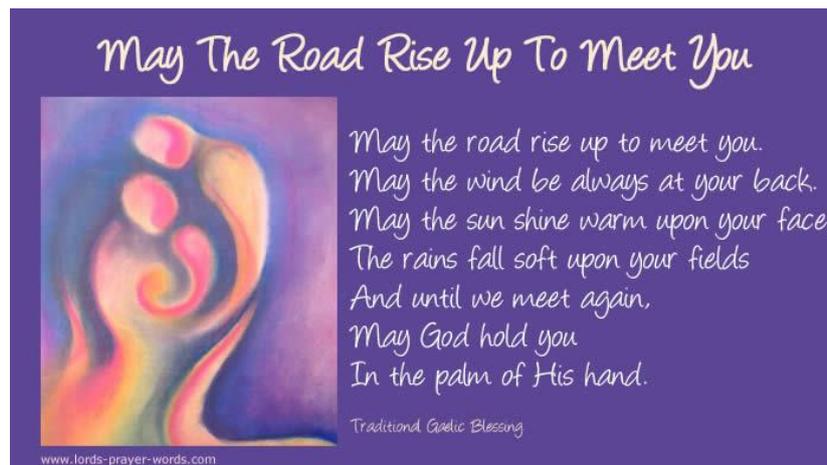
Children may bring a packed lunch if preferred, which is eaten under supervision on the school premises. We encourage parents to make packed lunches as healthy as possible and discourage chocolate, high sugar and fat products. The Government now offers Universal Free School Meals to all children in EYFS and KS1.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN IN KS2 (Years 3 – 6) have to pay for school meals unless entitled to Free School Meals. If you think you may be entitled and would like some further information please contact the school office under strictest confidence.

Summer Fair - Some very pleasing news to announce

Our Summer Fair has raised the grand total of £1,039.51. Thank you to everyone who worked hard behind the scenes organising and setting up and to all our community who joined in the fun on the day. This is a brilliant effort. Thank you.

Pause for reflection



Kind regards

Justine Brown

