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May God's blessing go with us today

End of school year blessing for teachers and children

May God's blessing go with us today,
At the end of this school year we pray.
That you keep us safe and give us rest
So we start again renewed and refreshed.
Full of health, full of fun
Ready to come and learn again.

May God's blessings await us next year,
To embrace each new challenge without fear.
Fill this school with your love,
and guide our hearts from above.
Full of faith, full of hope,
full of joy, and full of love.

Amen.

Newsletter.

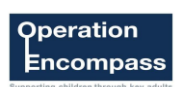
End of the academic Year July 2020

Dear Families.

There is an important change to the admissions policy and over subscription criteria that I must legally make our community aware of. This will not have any impact on most families here, as your children are part of this school already. I am sharing this information with you as a public announcement.

Due to lockdown restrictions imposed throughout the COVID pandemic the admissions adjudicators have asked church schools to amend the Admissions Policy in order to remove the expectation that families wishing to use the over subscription rule point 4 that request evidence of their church affiliation. Of course, churches have all been closed throughout the pandemic and therefore families do not need to demonstrate regular attendance to church during this time. This is an amendment to the policy. The rest of the policy has not been changed.

You will find the admissions policy and details about this on the school website.



CELEBRATIONS! CELEBRATIONS! CELEBRATIONS!



I have saved up all the lovely celebrations, thank you messages and good wishes to go out in our last newsletter of this academic year.

Sporting achievements

Although we couldn't have a sports awards assembly this year, we still wanted to celebrate the fantastic sporting endeavours of our pupils. Awards were presented for tennis (which took place during terms 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6), as well as for football and netball (which took place during terms 1 - 4).

Our Award Winners were:

In Tennis:

Player of the Year in KS2: Jack (Y6)

Player of the Year in KS1: Casper (Y1)

For Outstanding Commitment: Liam and Mia (both Y6)

For Improvement: Rhys (Y6), Oscar (Y3) and Dexter (Y3)

In Girls' Football:

Player of the Year: Ruby (Y6)

For Outstanding Commitment: Rosie (Y6) and Sofia (Y5)

For Improvement: Grace-Olivia and Mia (both Y6)

For Sportsmanship: Abi (Y6)

Top Goal Scorer: Ava (Y6)

Also, Top Effort Awards for Commitment were presented to Ellie and Caitlin (both Y6)

In Boys' Football:

Player of the Year: Bobby (Y5)

For Outstanding Commitment: Jack and Jamie (both Y6)

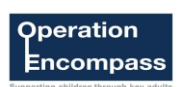
For Improvement: Taylor (Y6) and Nick (Y5)

For Sportsmanship: Liam (Y6)

Top Goal Scorer: Luke (Y6)

In Netball:

For Outstanding Commitment: Tom (Y6) and Leilah (Y5)



I know that you will all join me in expressing our gratitude and thanks to Mr Earl and Mrs Hodgson, without whom many of the sporting enrichment activities would not be possible.

Their hard work and contribution towards pupil's emotional growth and wellbeing, as well as developing skills and an enjoyment of taking part in competitive sports, builds the learning powers that children need in order to equip them to face future challenges. Sport plays an important part of this school; we aim to offer pupils a rich and balanced curriculum that is inclusive.

Congratulation to all our pupils, sporty or non-sporty for just giving it a go and trying your very best. This is what we all really admire.

Staff leaving us at the end of term.



We will sadly be saying goodbye and good luck to some children and staff who are moving on to different places of education. Mrs McKillop has only been with us this academic year as a 1-1 LSA, supporting a pupil who is now moving on to another school; Mrs McKillop is also moving on to a new school to support a pupil there. I would like to thank her for all her dedicated support and wish her well in her future new

role. Equally we wish Joe J and his family our very best regards and want them to know that they are always welcome here as part of the DP family.

Additionally, many of you will have probably had a phone conversation with Mrs Cullen, our school bursar. Technically, she is not actually leaving us. However, her role has changed and we want to congratulate her on the promotion within the DEALT Academy. Mrs Cullen will be working from a different office, so we will all greatly miss her positive, friendly face and her "Can do" attitude towards the running of this school. I will still be working closely with her, but she will not be at the front of house in the reception area at this school and I know that she will be greatly missed here. She has worked as the school office bursar for the last 10 years, starting here in 2010. Congratulations Mrs Cullen, but please come back and visit us!

You might remember back in March as lock down started we set a family homework STEM Challenge. Yr 6 will have their opportunity to test out their boats this week.

All other years can test their boats in September. So, if you haven't had a go at the challenge, and you find a spare moment, there is still time to bring your model boat into school in the new term.

Please find the challenge on our school website, build a cardboard boat that will carry a bag of sugar on water.

Staff are busy gathering pupil's artwork ready to create the display for the annual international Spirited Arts Competition that we enter. If any family has completed this as part of the Home Learning activities please try to send your child's work into school so that it can be included in the display and competition. Thank you. The main display will be just outside the office area.

Teachers are packing up their classroom and some are clearing out cupboards ready to move classrooms. The seasonal teacher migration is about to start!



Time to give some Shout Outs and **BIG THANK YOUs**

Firstly, to all the families and pupils who have not been able to get back into school as yet.

This has been a most challenging time for you all. I am sure that there are times when you have felt isolated and excluded, seeing other friends and class mates getting back to some sort of normality coming into school, it can't have felt fair and certainly you may have felt left out. I feel terrible that this has happened. Thank you to all the pupils who have not been back to school. Thank you for keeping positive, and for all the home learning you have carried out. In my opinion, you have had the hardest job above all. Thank you to all the adults who have supported their children, probably through tears, tantrums and some tricky standoff moments, when trying to be a parent and a teacher just felt like the world was closing in! I am sorry that I could not have everybody back to school. We have greatly missed you and want you to know that you have contributed towards this whole containment and lockdown enormously.



You all deserve a medal for endurance and being star COVID TROOPERS.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

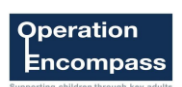
I would like to extend out thanks to the local charity branch called United Families UK, which has collaborated and supported our families especially during this pandemic crisis. Equally, Deal Food Bank has connected with us and provided parcels of food for us to deliver. Their voluntary work is outstanding and essential and enables us all to work together and take a shared caring role towards those in need. In this way, everybody can be linked through the generosity of giving time, energy, food donations and friendship. If you find your family could do with a little extra support over the school holidays then you can contact United Families www.unitedfamiliesuk.org.uk. This charitable organisation supports on issues that we all need help with from time to time such as, separated families, co-parenting, single parents, grandparents, family law advice, Food bank support. Never be too proud to ask for help – we all need it!

I would also like to thank all of the DP team of staff. It was very difficult coming into school as the lockdown eased and many of us had to overcome our own issues, and challenges. I would like to formally write and thank you for your loyalty, hard work and for always putting the needs of our families and pupils as a top priority. It has been difficult and some of us have needed to shield and work from home, but the level of commitment has been outstanding. **Thank you team DP you have been amazing.** Also to Jude and Cath, in the school kitchen and Whole School Meals who have kept going and believed in the importance of reaching our families in a personal way. Thank you!

We have just been informed of a wonderful new project developed by Deal Welfare Club, which is offering free meals for any families, in need, living in and around the Mill Hill ward.

It is called "Deal Welfare Meals on the Hill". This is located on Mill Hill. You will need to call 07724086434, to access the service, where you will be assessed over the telephone and called back by a member of the team to let you know if you've been successful. The lines are open Mon – Fri. 10am – 4pm or you can complete an easy online form to see if you are eligible for their free meal service www.whitecliffsradio.co.uk/meals-on-the-hill

Equally there are some families whose kindness I would like mention. To our foot army of families, who came to school and collected the hot dinners to deliver around the locality. Well done. It created a great sense of community spirit and deepened our sense of being connected.



To Mr Knight our caretaker who has been an absolute rock and kept the school open. Coming in to open and clean during his holidays as well as some weekends in order that we could effectively manage this pandemic.

Thank you to Mr Lewin - Mick, our crossing patrol officer. He is of more years than some of our children can count to and still he has provided us with his reliable service (once he was allowed to return).

Deal Parochial was identified as the first school to resume the crossing patrol service in Kent, because our calm drop off and collection arrangements were so well organised, and we had such an enthusiastic team member in Mick. Thank you.

You will have already received the information outlining the arrangement for re starting with all pupils in September. Please remember that we have the staggered opening and collection times and that school will run as normal on Fridays while we trial our new enrichment afternoons.

All pupil's return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. We can't wait to see you all.

Time for reflection

Let us pray.

We thank you Lord, for this year.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right; to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others, to be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

I hope you all have a very well deserved summer holiday break. Put the home learning away, get the flip flops, shorts and BBQs out. Chill out, smile loads, laugh loudly and love the family time together.

God's blessing to you all.

Keep safe and look after each other.

Kind regards.

Justine Brown.

