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Dear Families

Today is the last day of term 4. The school will be closed for the Easter holiday except for families who are key workers.

Easter Holiday School Cover

Please remember that we are only opening the school if a family has registered their children in advance and requesting child care support though e mailing me headteacher@deal-parochial.kent.ch.uk. Mrs Porteous has been busy creating a spread sheet of when we are open and which staff will be supervising the holiday provision.

The current plan, subject to changing requests, is that:

Week 1: (wc 6/4/20) Mrs Porteous, Mrs Friend will be in charge when the school is open.

School is open on Tuesday 7th

Week 2. (wc 13/4/20) Ms Brown and Ms Cluff will be in charge when the school is open.

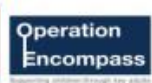
School is open on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th.

The school gate will be open from 8:45am and children must be collected at 15:15hrs from the playground Yr 3 exit area.

Easter

Some weeks ago I asked for families to reflect on the Christian meaning of Easter though creating an Easter Cross. This can be any size, and made out of any materials such as up cycling your household rubbish, natural materials collected on your daily walks, or art and craft. Once you have made the cross you can take a photograph and send it to your child's class teacher. We also ask that our children and families write a message using our school Christian values as a framework for your reflections, these are:-

Kindness, Trust, Friendship, Respect, Courage, Forgiveness



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Please attach your message or prayer to the cross for everybody to read.

For those families who would like to reflect further through Christian worship, I have prepared an activity that I invite you to join. You can find this on our school website under the Easter tab. In this we have made a Power Point presentation that includes links to the Easter hymns that we had been learning, a Youtube Easter story link, prayer and images for Easter reflections. I hope you enjoy this. You will also find lots of other Easter crafts and activities for the whole family to do on the website.

Term 5 – Home Learning

As it stands we understand that school will remain closed until further notice, so teachers will be putting together new learning packs for families to collect after the Easter holidays. We have ordered some pupil study and exercise books for children to use. Teachers will set tasks linked to different pages through Purple Mash. If you don't have an internet connection, then please use the books carefully. Pupils can carry out an exercise a day. If you can supplement their learning with some practical learning activities that support the learning such as finding fractions of numbers of pebbles, shapes, making models of number calculations through visual patterns and pictures as well as writing stories, keeping diaries or writing a newspaper report.

We will also try to focus some theme weeks and provide some teaching and learning tips linked to each year group, to help you at home know what to look for and how to prompt and assist your children.

I am sending you all a big thank you for continuing to persevere in the home learning for your children and for your patience in the school and the restricted ways we can support you.

School Meals

After Easter, I intend to continue to provide a hot school dinner for all families who are registered for Free School Meals and for any child attending school. We have found this has been very well received, and Jude and Cath have worked very hard in the school kitchen to keep the meals tasty and child friendly. It is a good way to keep in contact with families despite the social distancing which has been excellently respected by everyone to ensure a safe pick up. Well done again.

I hope that everyone manages to find a way to enjoy and engage in Easter celebrations. Crack open a chocolate egg, look up to the blue sky and shout for joy, engage in our Easter Service found on our web site.

Be safe and keep HAPPY.

God's blessing to you all.

Justine Brown

