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Newsletter term 6

Dear Families.

Where has this year gone? Is the question we are all asking? I hope you are all managing to create your own ways of finding some sense of calm and a positive vision towards new ways forward.

The school has re-opened and I want to send you some words of reassurance.

All our families who have been able to come back to school have been fantastic, and the pupils totally amazing. They have returned to school with a sense of compassion, understanding and respect beyond their years. Our pupils are a credit to you at home. Thank you all for preparing your children ready to return to school and ready to embrace our new social distancing and classroom bubbles. It does feel strange for us all, it is not the same as it was, we can't have the freedom and space that we previously had, but I have not heard any complaints or moans. I am so proud of everyone for just making the best of what we can do and getting on with it.

THANK YOU and WELL DONE.



Returning to school EYFS, Yr 1, & Yr 6

We are so pleased that more families are contacting us and considering a return to school for their children. In order to plan effectively and continue to keep the numbers safe please ensure that you contact Ms Brown with the request. I am working closely with Mrs Porteous planning and updating the class registers so that we know exactly who is in school. We have to submit this information to the DFE every day as part of the new COVID attendance procedures. If you would like your child to attend school part time or full time please email headteacher@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk. It may take up to a week for us to re arrange class groups / bubbles. We will do our best to



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respond as quickly as possible and move forward with a plan for you. It is not possible for children to just turn up to school. I apologise about this.

FRIDAY - Early Closing EYFS, Yr 1 & Yr 6.

EYFS – 13:00hrs, Yr 1 – 13:00hrs, Yr 6 – 13:20 hrs

We would appreciate your help in coming promptly at the staggered collection times. Pupils of critical key workers may remain in school until 15:15hrs, however if you are able to collect earlier this would assist us greatly.

On Friday afternoon the key worker class will have a singing and music session with Mr Greenhalgh and some games time.

Home Learning Packs

Teachers are busy preparing these for you. All of our teacher are now in class teaching full time. This means that they are restricted in how they can respond on the Purple Mash class platform. They will not have the capacity to make daily comments or tasks. Please bear with us, I know that this is not ideal or what any of us want for our pupils. I hope that this will be for a short amount of time whilst we wait for all year groups to re-open. In order to enable them to plan for a weekly home learning update the school will close on Friday afternoons.

If your child is **not** in school, we have prepared a new home learning pack for you. We will invite you to come and collect them from school at a specific time so that we can organise social distancing rules.

Collection details:

Collection Date: **Monday, 8th June**

0930 – 1200 KS1 (Reception / Year 1 / Year 2)

1230 – 1430 KS2 (Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6)

- ✓ Please go straight to the EAC (by the KS1 gate) and queue at the right hand door.
- ✓ 1 person will be allowed into the room and will be directed to the correct table / tables for their child / children.
- ✓ Please exit through the 2nd door.
- ✓ Please bring your own bag to put the packs into.
- ✓ If you have children in KS1 and KS2 – if possible - please pick up all your children's books in the **morning time slot**.
- ✓ For health and safety purposes the public toileting facilities **will not** be useable in the EAC
- ✓ For health and safety purposes please note that if you have to bring children with you, they are **not allowed** to play in the field or use the play equipment.



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Mrs Porteous will be in the room to show you which packs to pick up and guide you through the process.

Year 5 Parents / carers.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SELECTION procedures for Grammar schools / Kent Online Admissions

The application windows for the various online application rounds are:

Kent Test for September 2021 entry to secondary school - 1 June to 1 July 2020 (for more information please go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest)

Admission to secondary school in September 2021 - 1 September to 2 November 2020

Support

If you require any assistance applying online please email Kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

In order to help I have created a special information page for Secondary School admissions for our Yr 5 families. To find this go to our school website if you click on NEWS it will take you to all the local secondary school admissions information with links to their web sites.

Go to <http://deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk/news/>

If you are struggling with any aspect of secondary applications please just phone us and we will be happy to talk through anything. I am very mindful that you may be feeling isolated and just left to get on with it. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

General Safety and Care



Our weather has been incredible for spring this year, I think it has been the hottest May on record.



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Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Protecting our skin and eyes from harmful sun is so important. Sun damage can cause untold health problems in the future so please get a high factor SPF sun cream for the family and slap it on, rub it in and protect your skin!!



Equally please send your children in with sun hats, glasses and PLENTY of WATER. We have turned off the water fountains due to the pandemic and therefore it is essential that your children bring a large bottle of thirst quenching, super hydrating, refreshing water drinks.



WATER SAFETY is also a concern. With the release of lock down please remember to always supervise young children very closely when you are near water. This includes in your back gardens and the familiar paddling pools. Cover them over, or empty them so that young children cannot wander out to them whilst you are busy.



Time for reflection

I am turning my thoughts to this time of unrest following the tragic death of George Floyd in the United States of America. I am sharing the following reflections and invite you to give time to consider our own conscience and actions.

Many Christians believe that the universe was created by a loving God who chose to become a human being in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed the world and sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to love one another with God's love. All human beings are equally children of God and loved by God. Since none is outside the love of God, none should be outside our love either.



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We believe that the diversity of the human race was no mistake on God's part. God deliberately created variety within the human family and wants us to take as much delight in that variety as God does.

But racism persists in Britain and around the world. At its most obvious and brutal, it takes the form of physical attacks, which sometimes end in murder. But it takes many other forms as well, like discrimination within the police force, popular prejudice against Travellers or people seeking asylum, or reluctance to accept people of a different ethnic or cultural group as neighbours. Even within churches, people can face discrimination and unkindness because they are different from the majority in a particular community.

As long as this continues, we believe that it is important to make time to give thanks for our diversity and to pray for God's help in overcoming our prejudices and the injustices that reflect and reinforce them.

'All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.'

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UN, 1948

Keep safe. We hope that we can all be re united back at school soon.

With kindness

Justine Brown

