

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Families

The end of term is in sight and the lure of Christmas is now very real.

We hope that all our pupils enjoy the final Christmas week here at DP. We are trying to make it fun and festive.

Teachers are planning their class Christmas parties on this Thursday afternoon. Bearing in mind it will be the only large group party the children will experience over the holidays it is quite a big deal!

To help keep us all safe and minimise risk of spreading the virus we are asking parents to send in a party food plate for your own child. Please put your child's name on the plate.

I suggest a packet of crisps, some carrot / cucumber fingers, and cheese strings etc, a roll or sandwich and some party cake / biscuits. Nothing too much. We will provide drinks which will be a choice of water or squash for each class bubble. Children should wear their fabulous party clothes to school for the day, nothing too flimsy as it is frrrrrreeezing!

I'm hoping the children will play a few party games, dance about to some terrible music and make lots of noise! HO, HO, HO!

Thank you to our fabulous Parent Teacher Association for arranging some lovely Christmas events. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday. There are lots of prizes that the PTA came into school on Saturday morning to arrange. Thank you to all our families for joining in and buying the raffle tickets. Please check out the virtual Christmas fair by going on to our school website.

Welcome back Year 6! Now that the isolation rules have relaxed from 14 days to 10 days this means you won't miss all the Christmas fun over this week.

Well done to our Year 2 pupils and staff who performed the Christmas nativity play at St Georges' Church last Thursday. I am most grateful to Mrs Barrows who has spent a considerable amount of her time recording the performance and editing it ready for parents and children. Thank you so much!

You will have already received a newsletter this week explaining what you can do should any of our pupils develop COVID 19 symptoms and be tested positive in the first 6 days after we break-up. Please contact me on headteacher@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk I will be able to help contact and alert their class members.

A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.



It only leaves me to send you all my heartfelt thanks and sincere kind regards. If one good thing has come from this pandemic it is the trust, respect and sense of community belonging that I feel has increased so much.

Thank you for all your support, patience and for your good will and generosity. I am so proud to be a part of this school. I hope that the Christmas holiday brings you peace, rest and lots of laughter.

Should the weather turn wintry in January please listen to the Kent radio stations and check the school website for closures. It is most unlikely that we would ever need to close for snow.

Christmas prayers offer a beautiful way to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and the many blessings we have. There is no doubt this year has been a difficult one for all of us. As we remember the love of God and the gift of Jesus this holiday season, we are able to focus on the hope and joy that we have despite the circumstances that may be surrounding us.

12 Christmas PRAYERS

- 1 Faith** Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 Hope** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4
- 3 Love** Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 4 Forgiveness** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- 5 Mercy** Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36
- 6 Kindness** Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32
- 7 Generosity** Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11
- 8 Compassion** Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8
- 9 Joy** Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
- 10 Salvation** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6
- 11 Obedience** Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25
- 12 Life** Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10



Merry Christmas one and all.

I hope to see you all on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

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Head teacher.

