

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Kindness, Trust, Friendship, Respect, Courage, Forgiveness

Our School is built on the teachings of the Bible and inspired by The Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love.  
Our Christian ethos is upheld by respecting humanity fostered through our community that is welcoming, inclusive and forgiving.

Together we flourish through courageous learning, friendships and generosity.  
TO BE THE BEST THAT I CAN BE – THE WAY GOD INTENDS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

## Head teacher's Newsletter



Dear Families

I hope everyone is feeling settled into the new academic year and new routines. It has been great watching the children enjoy the fallen conkers at the school entrance!



I have a few reminders and new dates for your attention.

**Harvest Service Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**, starting at 10am. Being held at St Leonard's Church Upper Deal. Our youngest children in the EYFS class will not attend. They will hold their own Harvest celebration in the class. It is too far for them to walk at this early stage of the term. We do aim for them to come to the Christmas nativity and service.

All families are warmly invited to join us walking to the church or meeting us there. We would appreciate some helping hands walking to the church. Please just let me or Mrs Fox know at the school gate if you are able to help us. Thankyou.

We welcome Rev Monica the vicar from St Leonard's Church, to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, when she is leading whole school worship.

Our **girl's football** team play in their first football fixture of the season at St Faith's School, on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. This is part of the McCarthy Cup league.

The **boys** also have their first match in the **McCarthy Cup** at Bettshanger on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm

Thank you to Mr Earl for organising this and to our parents who are helping out.





Next **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** we are raising awareness towards the Charity **Young Healthy Minds**. This is a charity event that supports young people’s emotional well-being. To mark the day, four school pupil mental health champions are giving a presentation to the school. Thank you to Leo H, Jasper F, Imogen C & Harry W.

We ask that everyone wears something **yellow** to school in support of this awareness raising day. You can either add something yellow to the uniform, or you can go completely bananas and wear anything yellow. Please see a letter from Mr Earl and Mrs Booth giving more information.

Our suggested donation is £1 or more if you wish which can be donated on our JustGiving page: <https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-wl35073847oz?currentTab=fundraising> or through the school office

We also have a **MacMillan charity cake and coffee morning** coming up on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

All families are invited to stay a while and enjoy, chat and have a coffee at our Expressive Arts Centre, where we hope to entice you to buy a few cakes towards The MacMillan cancer charity.



Donations are welcome.

Thank you.

**SEND consultations**

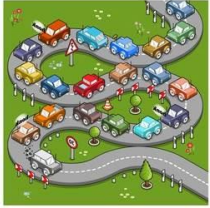
Mrs Fox is holding consultations for parents and carers who have children who are on our SEND register. She will send invitation letters for you to make appointments over Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. These will take place throughout the day. Please complete and return the appointment slip to the school office. Thank you.

Our small but highly effective **Parent Teacher Association** is holding the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. This will take place in the school hall.

If you are interested in joining in the organisation and helping us with the fund raising that we carry out, do please join us at this meeting. The AGM gives an account of the funds we have raised and the expenses encountered as well as and appointing the chair, vice chair, and secretary and finance roles for the year ahead.



As this autumn weather sets in, please remember to send in coats for your children to wear at playtimes, with names clearly marked on coat labels: The weather is predictably, unpredictable.



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Please drop off in the turning circle. If you would like to talk to a member of staff at the gate please try to park up and walk over. Thank you. We need to keep the traffic flowing. Thank you.

## A moment for spiritual reflection

Please enjoy this verse.

**This is your garden, Creator God,  
A thing of beauty  
Beyond understanding ,  
A poem that is being written,  
Not in words,  
But in colours,  
Wind's whisper,  
Soaring bird,  
Snowdrop's petal,  
Gentle rain,  
Sunlight's warmth.  
This is your garden, Creator God,  
A thing of beauty  
Beyond understanding,**

Keep cosy!

Kind regards

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