

# 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



Dear Families

January 4, 2024

It was lovely to greet so many faces at the school gate. I wish you all a very blessed and Happy New Year - 2024!

I hope that the Christmas holidays provided some much-needed rest and recuperation as well as some family time and fun. I would like to thank everyone for your kind words and well wishes, cards and generous gifts that I enjoyed opening at home.

In the wintery, cold and dark weeks that are ahead of us, please remember that we are here to help you, to offer our support and listen with compassion to any challenges you are experiencing. We know that life is not easy; I hope that we can offer you love, comfort and kindness as a part of the DP family. Additionally, if there is something at school that is causing you frustration, please just find a member of staff and explain the problem. Sometimes we are not aware or just have not looked at things through your eyes or walked in your shoes and we need the prompt to find the right solutions with your help. I always welcome new ideas and suggestions from you, so that we can grow together and adapt to meet the personalities of the DP family.

Term 3 is a short term. However, we have some fab events planned to brighten the learning path and bring us together.

We will be taking part in the annual, national Safer Internet Day, which this year falls on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The theme for this year is, "Inspiring Change – Making a difference, managing influence and navigating changes on line."



Teachers will plan a range of awareness and learning activities and tasks for the children to carry out. Additionally, we hope to invite our families into school so the children can share their learning with you. The children enjoyed doing this last year, so we thought we would repeat the week's plan and invite you in to participate.

### **Playtime snacks**

Unfortunately and reluctantly, we have cancelled the order for school bagels as they had become increasingly expensive. Originally, the daily bagels had been free of charge. However, as in everything, this has changed. We are currently investigating other channels of school support that will offer free snacks to re-charge our energy levels. In the meantime, please send in a healthy playtime snack for your children to eat. We suggest fruit. KS 1 pupils still receive the free fruit through a national scheme. Children should not bring sweets, chocolate, or crisps into school for snacks.

### **School uniform**

During COVID we relented on the rules for wearing school uniform, especially the PE kit. This has long since passed, but some old ways seem to be sticking.

With the beginning of this new term, please ensure that children wear the correct PE kit. This should consist of dark grey/black joggers or shorts with their team colour T-shirt. Children are turning up to school wearing all sorts of odd items and this is not assisting in the organisation for PE games, and does not look very smart in general.

Hair accessories must only be green in colour. Again, during the Christmas period or other celebratory times we relax on these rules so that it becomes something special and a treat. Hair bands, clips and ribbons etc. should be either black, brown or green. Earrings must be removed or securely taped for PE lessons. Children should not be wearing necklaces or other items of jewellery.

### **Please find the list of school events below.**

Sometimes the event changes, so please keep an eye on emails.

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
Thursday 4-01-24	Coffee Morning in EAC	Introducing Kent Adult Education courses and opportunities that parents may be interested in enrolling. Please come along and have a look, there might be something that you like the look of that you can start to consider for later in the year. Contact Nikki Bugden for further information.
08-01-24	Kent Music Roadshow	Live performances from musicians, showcasing their talents to inspire pupils to take up learning to play an instrument.



09-01-24	Every Tuesday morning – horse riding for some pupils in Yr 4	This is a pre-arranged opportunity for some pupils to take part in horse riding lessons at The Cornillo Stables.
11-01-24	Whole school staff training delivered by the AUTISM Education Trust	This training is very important to the development of our school and our inclusive provision. Staff have carried out an audit of skills and knowledge that we submitted to the AET, this enables bespoke training, meeting the needs and experience of our school. I am very excited that this is taking place. Staff have been working hard in improving the profile and our understanding of inclusive provision with a focus on Autism. It is such a huge subject, very absorbing and fascinating. We have many pupils who experience aspects of Autism, and every child is so unique. Our specific focus over the next few terms is understanding sensory processing and the impact and educational barriers that we can try to overcome to improve learning and well-being for all.
16-01-23	Yr 6 are holding a tombola sale after school.	Chosen and arranged by our Yr 6 pupils as part of their Global Action project.
17-01-23	Yr 3 - RE off site visit to Gravesend Gurdwara	<p>A coach will be taking the Yr 3 children. Times and details will follow for Yr 3 families.</p> <p>An annual event that has been established due to the enormous impact and success of the visit. The Gravesend Gurdwara is a most impressive and stunning holy place. It is a life changing opportunity for our pupils to learn and experience how the UK is a multi-cultural and multi-faith country.</p>
24-01-24	Yr 5 - off site visit to Dover Youth Hub.	This is an opportunity for pupils to familiarise themselves with the staff and clubs that the Dover Youth Hub offer. Mrs Bugden – our school Nurture and well-being lead will be coordinating this.



25-01-24	Snuggly- Cuddly Stories	To be confirmed. This is a PTFA event. After school PJs, Hot choc and story time for children to enjoy listening to some poems and favourite short stories.
02-02-24	National Number Day – Number crunching, crafty creations, brain teasers and some costume designs	A charity event raising money for the National Society for Protection of Children NSPCC. This is an opportunity to have some fun, maybe dressing up for those who enjoy it and some creative designs around the theme of numbers.
05-02-24	Safer Internet Week - SID	Pupils will be carrying out a range of classroom learning activities in order to improve their awareness towards keeping safe on line.  We will send out a time table for families to come into the school hall to see each class displays, either at the start or then end of the school day across this week.
07-02-24	Valentines end of term DISCO.  Tickets will be on sale nearer the date.	PTFA event. TBC  KS1 – 3:30- 4:45. Please collect children from the school playground at the usual place afterwards.  KS2 - 5pm – 6:30pm. Please wait outside the school hall and each class will be dismissed from the hall fire doors as we can spot parents.
THURSDAY 08-02-24	LAST DAY OF TERM. This a one-week holiday.  Last day of after school care club for the week.	The school will be CLOSED on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> for teacher training and development.
MONDAY 19-02-23	The first day of term for pupils	Term 4 starts. Usual gate opening times of 08:30 – 08:40am



### **Wrap around care.**

Breakfast club is a well-established service, and continues to serve a large group of children. The cost for this service is £2.60. Breakfast club starts at 8am. Children need to be dropped off into the school hall by their adult. Children must not be left unaccompanied outside waiting. Thank you.

### **Afterschool Care Club**

This continues as a service for families who work longer hours and require childcare. It runs from 3.15 p.m. – 5 p.m. If you would like to use this service, there is a charge of £7.50. Please book direct via the SchoolMoney App or contact Mrs Beckett on:- [secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk)

Please ensure you inform the office staff if you are cancelling the booked session so that we can make the correct staffing arrangements. Additionally, please let us know who is collecting your child, and at what time you hope to arrive to collect them. Collection is from the main school office.

These non-profit making services have been set up to support busy parents and carers.

### **Afterschool Clubs Term 3**

Where possible please book these via the SchoolMoney App. Parents are able to pay any amount of funds onto their child's account. By clicking on Clubs, there is a 'Top Up' option, where you can add funding; this will then be allocated across your child's clubs. Alternatively, please bring cash into the school office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and club.

### **Mrs K Hodgson will be leading the following @ £1.50 per session:**

**Mondays Y1-3 Spongeball Tennis** in the hall - on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, and 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Tuesdays Y4-6 Girls' Football Club** on field - 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, and 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Please note that these club sessions maybe replaced by football matches for the girls.

**Wednesdays Y4-6 Science Club** - on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Thursdays Y4-6 Netball Club** on the playground (or in hall, if wet) - on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Please note that there is no session on 11th Jan (due to 'all staff' training that afternoon).

### **Mr Earl will be leading the following @ £1.50 per session:**

**Mondays – Year 4,5 &6 football** training club. There are no additional spaces available for this club currently. If your child already attends this then Mr Earl hopes that they will continue to attend. If you would like to book a place on the reserve list for when spaces are available please contact the school office or Mr Earl. This starts Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. 3:30pm - 4:15pm



Tuesdays **Year 4 & 5 Tag Rugby**. Starts 9<sup>th</sup> January. 3:30pm - 4:15pm. Places available

Wednesdays - **Yr. 2, 3, & 4 Cricket Club**. Starts Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. 3:30pm - 4:15pm. Places available

### **Dapa Dance**

Open for Yr 1 to Yr 6 pupils. Starts Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. It runs from 3:15 – 4pm. This costs £35 for the 10 weeks.

I hope that we have a great term. Please get in touch if I can assist you in any way, big or small. Keep warm and dry in this tempestuous weather!

Peace and good will to you all in this New Year.

Kind regards  
Justine Brown

### **A moment for reflection**

God is approachable. Prayer is something anyone can do. You do not have to use complicated words or flowery language. God isn't swayed by arguments, length, or by skill in prayer.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

