

# 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

Just pausing for a moment to celebrate, and be proud of, some of our pupils' individual and team achievements.

As I walk around the school, the children impress me by how hard they are working. They really live up to our school motto "To be the best I can be the way God intends."

We know and celebrate the fact that not everybody is the same, we all have different strengths and some have many barriers to contend with, and to this end, we must always celebrate the **effort** and **progress** our children make. Their achievements are remarkable.

This week I had a rewarding time reading Yr 6 autobiographies about Charles Darwin. If you are a parent of a Yr 6 child, ask them about their work. I have learnt so much about the famous scientist! Their work was all neatly presented, and I could see the great pride they had taken in completing a very lengthy piece of writing. They are working so hard - well done!

## National Penguin day

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation towards our fundraising for a new school PTA freezer by wearing black and white. We had some fun novelty penguin clothing items too. We raised £140, which is a brilliant start to the fund.



## Deal Art competition results

Schools across our academy took part in an art competition to celebrate the RNLI 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Each class in school has participated in art lessons and a vote for 1 entry per class represented each year group. I am extremely pleased to tell you that we submitted winning work across the categories:

Ernie – 1<sup>st</sup> place in Year 1 category

Daryna – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Year 6 category

Jack – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Year 5 category

Year 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place whole class category

Year R – 3<sup>rd</sup> place whole class category



Thank you to Mrs Abbott, our art lead teacher for organising this and for sharing the children's work with everyone at our Thursday assembly. We will try to get an exhibition up across our school so that everyone can see the children's work from each class. In the meantime, drop into Deal Library throughout May and look at the winning entries.

Well done to Celeste in Yr 3 for independently carrying out some fund raising over the weekend for the RNLI. She received a lovely letter of thanks for her efforts and donations from the RNLI. It is great to see so many of our pupils carrying out actions of courageous advocacy that we are teaching. I love hearing about your hobbies and interests.

### Sports News

Another fabulous win for our girls football team last week with 6-0 score against Whitfield, takes us through to the **Hammond Cup final**.



We have many children taking part in a range of **tennis tournaments** over the summer season, building up to the annual tennis highlight of Wimbledon. We have been fortunate again to get some tickets and will be able to take a small group of players to watch the Wimbledon tournament in July.

Our pupils will be participating in **The Dover Tennis School Games** taking place at Marke Wood. Mrs Hodgson has coordinated this independently, and although she is a member of staff, in addition she works as a self-employed tennis coach and will be at the tournament in this capacity - not as a member of our staff. Of course, we are fortunate to know her well and benefit immensely from her coaching, enthusiasm, and commitment to this school.

**Kittle Photos** are in school taking class photographs on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure children are wearing smart uniform on this day.

### PTFA News

We hope to hold a **disco** for KS 1 and KS 2 after school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Save the date!



### Fundraising/Sponsorship

We desperately need some new sports kits for football, athletics and tennis competitions so that our pupils look smart when playing and representing our school. Mr Earl is organising a sponsored **Football skills marathon** for all pupils to participate on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – the last day of term. Sponsorship forms will be sent out under separate email.



Please try to contribute and sweet-talk some of your family to sponsor the children. Additionally, if you know any local businesses that would like to sponsor one of our teams then let us know.

### PE Kit

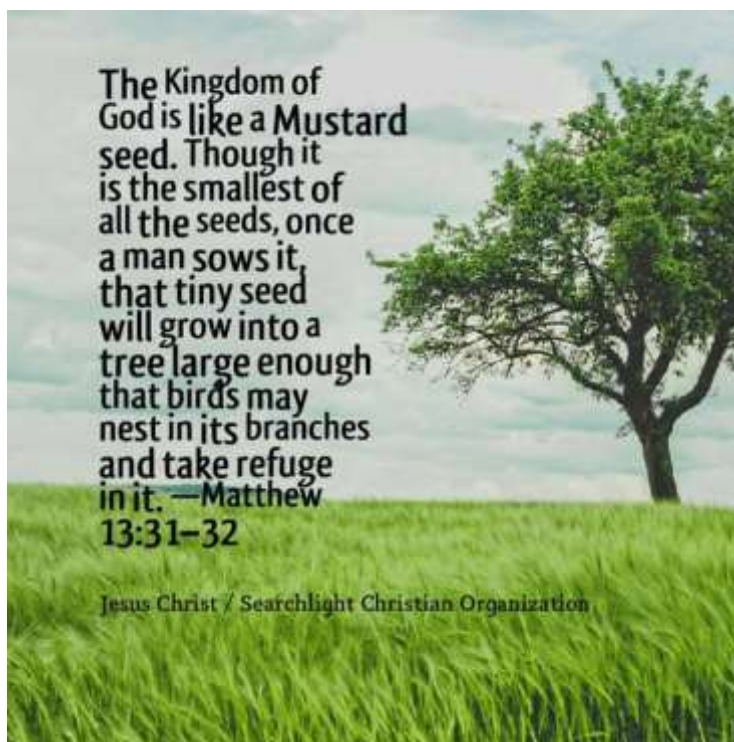
Please ensure that children wear their team colour t-shirts and black shorts/tracksuit bottoms on PE days as we are starting to see an array of different non-school clothing appear.

### Safety - always

Please instruct your children to dis-mount from scooters, bikes as you enter the school gates. Some children are whizzing around the corners and creating a hazard.

### Time for reflection.

In the weeks ahead, we are reading and reflecting on The Parables in the New Testament. I wonder; Are they still relevant today as they were when Jesus taught them?



Father,

Help us to remember that size is not important in your kingdom.

You can use even the smallest one of us to grow the kingdom and bring change to the world around us.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Kind regards  
Justine Brown  
Headteacher

