

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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*Kindness, Trust, Friendship, Respect, Courage, Forgiveness*

## **Vision statement**

*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

This week we are taking part in Anti-bullying week, which has the theme of One Kind Word.

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On Thursday, Yrs 1,2,3,4,5& 6 are hoping to walk to St Leonard's Church where our worship will lead with this theme. This will be the first time we have had the opportunity to hold a service at church for a long time, so on this occasion, it will be just staff and pupils with Reverend Monica leading our service. However, at some point we do hope to be able to invite you to join us in services again.

Weather permitting we will walk to St Leonard's Church on Thursday morning, so please make sure your child comes to school wearing comfortable footwear and a warm coat. We will be leaving at 09:10 and will be back to school for lunch time.



## Staff Leaving

I have some important news to share.

Mrs Cotterill will be leaving us to take up a new role as a Family Liaison Officer, something she has aspired towards.



Mrs Cotterill started at Deal Parochial School in 2014 as a 1-1 Learning support Assistant. However, in the past 4 years she has made the position of our THRIVE and Nurture Assistant her very own.

Mrs Cotterill will be on the school gate for her last time this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

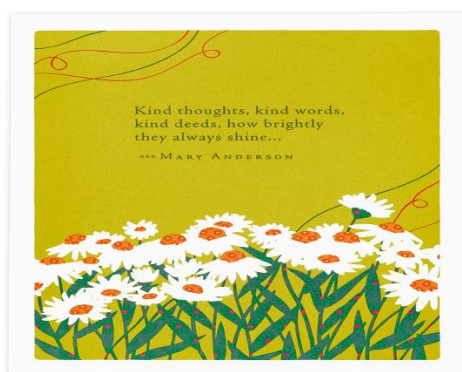
I know that we will miss her wonderful energy and empathy. Mrs Cotterill has excelled in her role, winning the hearts of all staff, pupils and families with her warmth and care. She will be greatly missed. I want to express my gratitude for everything she has achieved at DP.

She has added enormously towards the well-being, confidence and sense of safety and worth for so many children. This is an important part of our school's ethos and sense of family that we strive for at all times. Many of you will have confided in Mrs Cotterill, will have trusted her with issues and concerns, and I can confidently say that she has always worked tirelessly to provide 100% effective, successful support for everyone who has entrusted her. She has been a transformational part of our team and she will leave a great legacy, as well as many happy memories that we will cherish. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Mrs Cotterill, she has been a fantastic colleague.

We wish her continued success as she moves on to touch the lives of families and work her special magic that she is so talented in providing.

The role of Nurture Assistant is an important part of our school and the vacancy is currently being advertised. I will keep you posted as to how, who and when a new person starts.

## Time for reflection



### Important term dates for term 2, 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>EVENT / ACTIVITY</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
15-11-21	Anti-bullying week	One Kind Word. Odd socks day
16-11-21	Puberty consultation	For parents and carers of children in Yr 5 and 6
18-11-21	School visit to St Leonard's Church	Church Service. 10am Parent helpers to walk with children would be appreciated. Please speak to your child's class teacher
20-11-21	St Leonard's Church Christmas Fair	10am – 2pm held at St Leonard's Centre
22-11-21	Yr 2 Phonic Screening	National screening assessments
23-11-21	Vc Chris - St George's Church, to lead worship at school	
24-11-21	Yr 6, Deal schools Cathedral Day	Activities provided by Canterbury Cathedral for Yr 6 pupils
29-11-21	Whole school assessment week	Pupil attainment and progress will be assessed through a range of short tests appropriate for each class.
03-12-21	TAG DAY	Non uniform day. Pupils are asked to bring in items for the Christmas fair. The PTA will send out further information.
06-12-21	FLU Immunisation Yr R-Yr 6	
07-12-21	Yr 2 class trip to Canterbury Cathedral	Miss Rolph has written a letter for parents / carers
10-12-21	School Christmas Fair	To start at 15:30 – lots of fun and festive spirit Please come and support the school.
14-12-21	Nativity Service –	Year 2 pupils will lead this supported by Yr 1



	SAVE THE DATE. We hope to invite you to join this event in the afternoon.	and the EYFS children. Held at St George's Church. Information will follow to allow for COVID risk assessment
15-12-21	Our traditional Christmas Silly Jumper day AND Christmas dinner day	Wear a Christmas jumper for fun.
16-12-21	Class Christmas Parties	Taking place in the afternoon. Children to bring their party gear in a bag to change into. Please see your class teacher for arrangements regarding party food.
17-12-21	LAST DAY OF TERM	Christingle Service in the school hall. Lead by Year 3 class. Parents and carers of Yr 3 pupils are invited to join us. "Christmas Around the World"
05-01-22	FIRST DAY BACK FOR CHILDREN	There is a teacher development day on 04-1-22. All pupils start on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Kind regards

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