

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to your child's final year at Parochial; Year 6 already – where did that time go?! I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. The children are settling back in well and are enthusiastic about all the challenges and exciting events that being in Year 6 brings.

**Regular Reading**, as always, is vital to the children's progress over the course of the year and I would ask that you support and encourage your child to read every day. Please could you initial/sign your child's reading record on a weekly basis to acknowledge that they have completed this task; they will be checked at regular intervals. If you have any comments, please feel free to add them. Each child will continue to be given a school reading book that is at their lexile level. They are, of course, welcome to read another book that interests them but please ensure they keep on-track with their school reading book and that this is bought into school every day. Please also encourage them to see if they can do a quiz on any other books – these can be done in school or at home.

As I'm sure you are aware, this year's '**Kent Test**' will take place this Thursday on the 9<sup>th</sup> September – only children who have already registered will be able to take the test; all other children will be given a range of activities to do on the day.

**Forest School** – We have the fantastic opportunity to take part in Forest School this year. We will be the first year group to do this and will therefore be starting to build the new set up. This will be on Wednesdays and will be run by Mr Humphrey who is a trained forest school teacher. Please can children come in dressed for Forest School on this day – they will be building, cutting and moving lots of materials so it is important that they wear clothes that are suitable and not brand new! We will be out whatever the weather so if it looks like rain please could they bring a waterproof and wellies into school for the afternoon. Other footwear will be needed for the rest of the school day please.

**Spellings** will be given out weekly – we will be learning the words and spelling patterns in school and the children will be tested on a Monday morning. I have enclosed the lists for the term with this letter.

**Homework** will be sent home on a Wednesday and will need to be brought back the following Monday. This will include Maths and Literacy learning.

**Online Safety** – This term, our topic will be Self-image and identity. This strand explores the differences between online and offline identity beginning with self-awareness, shaping online identities and media influence.

**PSHE** – We will follow the Jigsaw scheme and this term will be completing a unit on Being Me in My World. The children will be thinking about their year ahead and considering the universal rights of all children. They will also learn about how their behaviour can impact both themselves and others.

As in Year 5, we appreciate that some children are allowed to **walk home** on their own. If this is the case, please could you send a quick note or email confirming that they have permission (even if you sent one in last year, we would like confirmation please). As you can understand, we want to ensure that all pupils are safe and we will be reluctant to let any child walk home unaccompanied if we have not received permission from you. If you feel that mobile phones are needed, these are collected in at the start of school and given back at the end of school time.

I look forward to a busy, successful, fun year with your children and hope that, with your support, all of them will enjoy learning and will make great progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, or any other matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Ms Pettitt at the end of the day or email me at: [watsonj@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:watsonj@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk).

Many thanks for your support.

Kind regards

Jess Watson and Nikki Pettitt

