

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

Autumn term 2

Dear Families

It was fabulous to meet so many families in school this week at our teacher consultation evenings. Thank you for coming, and thank you for all the support and kind comments that the teachers received in the meetings.

If you missed the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, don't worry, you can phone the school to make an alternative appointment. Children do really love knowing that you have looked through their books and heard lovely things said about them. We are always happy to meet with our families.

Next week is Road Safety Awareness week. Our school has signed up to Road Safety Week so that we can encourage everyone to stop and give road safety some thought. At school, we aim to raise awareness and importance of road safety for everyone.

The goal of this year's Road Safety Week is to start a national conversation about speed. Why do people still think it is acceptable to drive above the limit or too fast for the road conditions? That conversation feels well underway with heavy media coverage, political debates and social media discussions taking place all across the UK! We are committed to take part in this campaign and delighted to share tools and resources to help you be part of this conversation.

With five people killed on UK roads every day – whoever you are and however you travel, we need to talk about SPEED.



The formula is simple:

The higher the speed, the longer the stopping distance, the harder the crash, and the greater the risk of death and injury.

Within our school grounds, we do have a few potential road hazards, but through awareness and careful courtesy, we can avoid any accidents.

Traffic quickly becomes congested around the school gates and drop off circle. Please try to avoid parking and use the drop off circle as a means of allowing children to jump out of the car and move to their entrance gate.

I am aware that some children need to be walked to the entrance and this is fine. Please park safely, not in front or on our zebra crossing.

Equally, in order to keep the flow of traffic in and out of school it would be greatly appreciated for drivers to avoid parking near the zig – zag lines in the road at the school entrance. This creates blind spots for pedestrians and restricts vision which could result in an accident. Please try to keep the flow of traffic moving and respect the safety of everyone.

Be **BRIGHT AND BE SEEN** – HIGH VIZ DAY Friday 17th November. Everyone is invited to go as crazy as they dare! You can simply wear a reflective arm band or you can dress in the brightest, most dazzling, and reflective clothes you can. As the dark winter returns, this is a fun way to remind us all that being seen by drivers can save lives.

During the week, we will carry out some road safety awareness sessions with the children and have created activities for them to bring home.

Other school events coming up:

Scholastic Book fair

Thursday 16th November in the school Hall. Last day of orders is Tuesday 21st.

Please come along to the school Scholastic Book Fair. We time it just right for families to have the opportunity to select some superb, highly recommended children's books as presents for the big C that is fast approaching!

You will find posters and fliers with information about the fair, the hot chocolate and bacon sandwiches, cake sale and much more that our library Ambassadors have been planning to entice you all in and spend some money.



Don't forget that by buying books you also help to build up a percentage discount for the school to also purchase some new books for our library. Everyone is a winner!!

The EYFS class will be selling cakes at the book fair. They are raising money to replace their brand new greenhouse, unfortunately blown away by Storm Ciaran last week. Please come and purchase some yummy treats.



Next week we will be thinking about creating a better world through Education and be inspired by the Bible Matthew 19:13-15. Where Jesus speaks out and shows that children are important.



A moment for reflection

Father God, lay a blanket of protection over children who cannot attend school, especially those whose educations are disrupted by conflict, emergencies, and natural disasters.

In Your mercy, we pray for You to provide opportunities for learning so that through education, children find the hope and skills for a better future.

Amen

Have a safe and dry weekend.

With kind regards

Ms Justine Brown