

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Newsletter End of another academic year – 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

I am sure you are all looking forward to putting the school uniforms away and getting out your children's summer clothes, ready for some time to slow down and relax.

It has been another very successful year. I am very pleased and proud of all our pupils and staff for their hard work & kindness and their consideration towards the learning and to the family style relationships, we foster here.

Thank you to everyone for working through any difficult conversations and continuing to respect that school life is constantly both a joy and a challenge. Thank you to all volunteers who walked to the church, listened to readers, helped on school trips and dressed up for theme days, for all your cheers of support at our sports fixtures and for being the taxi service, and for all the encouragement and support you give to our pupils reminding them to always do their best. This all really helps and without this team effort, our children would miss out on so much.

Just a few dates and end of term housekeeping reminders

Please do not forget to take home all PE kits, coats and school uniform. The children's cloakrooms will be cleared for a deep clean over the holidays, so there is a danger that anything left behind could be thrown away by the team of cleaners.

TODAY Tuesday 16th July, you are invited to drop into your child's class between 2:30pm – and 4pm where you can look through your child's books and have an informal conversation with the class teacher. Please make an appointment if you require a confidential conversation. You will receive an end of year summary report of your child's achievements.

We do not put reports into book bags - parents are asked to sign for these. If you do not receive it, please come to the school office where the report will be saved for your collection.

All the school will be walking to Goodwin Academy on Wednesday 17th in the afternoon to watch the Yr 6 end of year musical showcase – "Songs from the Musicals". We hope to be back to school for the usual home time of 3:15pm. In order to accommodate the afternoon show all pupils will be having an early lunch on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

For parents who would like to come and watch our YR 6 pupils, you are welcome to come to the evening performance that will be held at Goodwin academy on Wednesday 17th July. The performance starts at 7.00pm. It is expected to last just over an hour. Tickets are on sale after school priced £3 Adults/ £1 children.

A further Yr 6 show will take place in our own school hall on Thursday 18th. This matinee performance starts at 1:30pm. Parents and carers are also invited to this. Tickets cost £2 Adults/ £1 children.



Year 6 will be dressing up in their best outfits for their Leaver's Party that is being held on Monday 22nd, starting at 6pm – 8pm. This takes place in the school courtyard and hall. Adult & sibling tickets £1 each.

Tuesday 23rd July is our last day of term. As usual, the whole school will be attending the Leaver's Service to say our farewells to the Yr 6 pupils and families. Children having packed lunch on this day are reminded to please bring it in a disposable bag. We are most grateful to St George's Church for hosting the service and making us feel so welcome at this important time for our departing pupils. Thank you to Shiela and Chris and all the team at St George's Church.

Please remember to collect your child from St George's Church situated in the High Street adjacent to the Town Hall.

Please wait on the grass behind St George's Church at 3:15pm. Teachers will lead each class out on to the grass to an assembly point where they can dismiss pupils safely once they have seen parents. Sometimes proceedings may overrun slightly, so please be patient.

Holiday dates for the next Academic Year 2019 – 2020 - Please note some dates have changed.

Term 1 02/09/19 – 18/10/19

Term 2 28/10/19 – 18/12/19

Term 3 06/01/20 – 14/02/20

Term 4 24/02/20 – 03/04/20

Term 5 20/04/20 – 22/05/20

Term 6 01/06/20 – 22/07/20

Staff Training Days 2019 – 2020

Monday 2nd September 2019 - *(No school for children)*

Thursday 17th October 2019 - *(No school for children)*

Friday 18th October 2019 - *(No school for children)*

Monday 28th October 2019 - *(No school for children)*

Friday 14th February 2020 - *(No school for children)*

N.B. MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4TH MAY TO FRIDAY 8TH MAY

UPDATE ON OUR PHONE LINES-**HOPEFULLY** IT WILL BE RESOLVED TODAY. For any urgent messages, please email secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk.

Finally, I hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable summer break. I look forward to the new term in September when the fun begins all over again!

Yours sincerely

Justine Brown

Head teacher



Pause for reflection:-

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from your hand.
While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will,
With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.

