

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Newsletter Term 6

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## A prayer for family life

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Dear Families

It is great to have seen and chatted with so many of our families recently. Thank you for all your continued positive feedback and welcome smiles. It makes all our staff feel valued and know that we are all together in this, as a community.

## This is me! TAG DAY! 08-07-20. Time for some fun!

All children currently attending school are invited to come to school dressed in a way that will show their personality, hobbies or interests. This is not just a regular non uniform day, but a day where we invite our pupils to express themselves and show us who they really are, or what their dreams are for the future??!! We are trying to inject a bit of fun into the end of the year and to raise some school funds. Please can children in Years R & 1 and any other children attending on this day donate £1.



This money will go towards improvements to the outside areas for our children.

**Years 2 – 5**, we don't want you to be left out, it would be wonderful if you could take part at home and send a photo into school. Get dreaming!

Pupils in **Year 6** are asked to donate a £2.50 contribution towards an end of year treat. This will be a socially distanced BBQ event taking place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. (Reserve date Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm.) Yr 6 families are invited to bring a picnic and seating to sit distanced on the school field. At this event we hope to share some memories of our Yr 6 children and carry out some of the traditional end of year ceremonies such as our award cups, speeches and an opportunity for parents to watch their children provide some entertainment that they are currently rehearsing.

Yr 6 pupils will be carrying out transition lessons that will prepare them to some extent for secondary school. Additionally, they will be receiving the Relationships and Sex Education programme for Yr 6.

Parents / carers have the right to withdraw pupils from this aspect of the curriculum.



All parents in Yr 6 were invited to a consultation about the school Relationships and Sex Education Programme when they were in Yr 5. We have not changed this programme. If you would like to discuss this please contact Ms Warner. We consider it very important to deliver this part of the children's development and preparation before they go on to secondary school. The programme is very age appropriate, and I strongly recommend all children participate.

### **Year 5 Secondary Selection Test**

Please remember that any parent or carer of a YR 5 pupil is invited to register for PESE / Grammar School assessment. You can do this by going on to the Kent Admissions website. You will find all the information and guidance about tests for the individual grammar schools and for the Kent School Grammar tests on our web site. The closing date for you to submit an application is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

I have not got any further confirmation from Kent Education Authority as to when the tests will be taking place or indeed if they will be carrying out tests or asking head teachers to provide pupil assessments.

### **How do we move forward?**

With such a long period of time now lapsed since some children / pupils have been able to come to school I know that many families are rightly feeling concerned about the gaps in their children's learning that must be widening. For those families who have been relying on our home learning packs, and online learning this has been a tremendous responsibility. Thank you for doing your best – the pressure is enormous!

My aim throughout this pandemic has been to keep in touch with you, to provide individual support through phone calls and visits. Teachers have been committed to providing quality learning resources and opportunities, but we know that this cannot replace the daily classroom learning, the routines, and social engagements that school life usually offers.

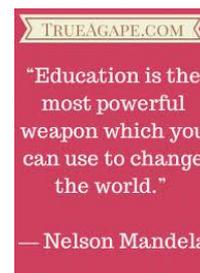
My only way of guiding all of us through these concerns is to emphasise that every child will be affected by this in different ways. We will do our very best to continue to provide the comfort, support, learning and friendship so that no one feels isolated or helpless. Please get in touch if you are feeling adrift. We want to help you!

### **Looking ahead to September 2020**

We are now making plans, booking staff training and making curriculum plans that will support the children when we do all return to school. We have enrolled on catch up curriculum training which we hope will provide schools across Kent with structured and sequenced planning on the core learning knowledge and skills for each year group in maths and English. At our weekly staff meetings we are discussing starting points that will take the learning back to the previous year group.

So, for example the Yr 3 pupils will start curriculum learning objectives from the Yr 2 curriculum.

Teachers will be holding transition meetings with the new class teacher in July to exchange class and individual profile information. We know that children will be at different places - this is always the case so teachers will adapt and differentiate to the individual learning needs in a sensitive and caring way. We value your feedback and support in this. Sometimes we do not always see the hidden anxiety that a child can store up for bedtime so please never hesitate to get in touch. Thank you.



Numbers of pupils currently attending school are rising. We are constantly updating and re-structuring the Bubble groups. Next week there will be more children back at school which means that Mrs Porteous and Mrs Cotterill will need to be part of the teaching staff and might not always be available to answer phone calls etc. Please be patient and we will do our best to keep the home school links up and running.

### Class arrangements for September 2020

There are some changes to the year group teachers. This has been considered carefully taking into mind the professional development of teaching staff, the needs of pupils and school improvement opportunities.

You will notice that this year each class is named after a famous children's author. You might like to start finding out about this author and some of the fabulous stories and books they have published.

Year Group	Teacher	TA	Class Group Name
EYFS	Mrs Friend	Mrs Jones	Julia Donaldson
1	Ms Cluff	Mrs Dougall	Michael Rosen
2	Miss Rolph	Mrs Holman	Roald Dahl
3	Mrs Porteous	Mrs Blackman	Anthony Browne
4	Ms Warner	Mrs Clugston	David Walliams
5	Mrs Bowles	Mrs Collister	Phillip Pullman
6	Ms Watson	Ms Pettitt	Michael Morpurgo

I am really pleased to announce that Mr Lewin, better known to you as Mick, the Crossing Patrol Officer will be back in post at Gladstone Road as from today. He can't wait to get back into his role. Please remember to use the markings on the pavement and respect the 2 metre distancing. You will have to wait at these points in turn rather than all crossing at the same time. We ask that you cross the road safely for everyone in Family Bubbles. Thank you.

### A MOMENT TO REFLECT

Deuteronomy 31:8 New International Version



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards. Keep safe and strong!

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