

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Many thanks for all your generous donations to the Deal Food Bank. We had a marvellous response from everyone, with two tables stacked with provisions.

I hope you all enjoyed the Harvest Service. Thank you to St Andrew's Church and all the hosts who made us very welcome. The children were brilliant, their singing and class items were all so interesting with a strong Christian message. Thank you to the parents who marched along with us en route. We were lucky to escape the rain!

It's a win for DP football intermediate team – WELL DONE PLAYERS. Here is Mr Earl's report:-  
*DLA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS 2019*

*Deal Parochial School took part in the Annual DLA inclusive football tournament that was held at Warden House School on Tuesday 1st October.*

*Our School was joined by 9 other Deal Schools for a tournament aimed at children who do not always have the opportunity to play football at a competitive level.*

*In our group, we had St.Margaret's, St Mary's, Kingsdown and Temple Ewell.*

*The whole team played for each other, worked hard and showed great team spirit throughout the afternoon with 3 wins and a draw we topped our group with 8pts.*

*In the semi-finals, we faced a tough Worth School who were difficult to break down but a single goal from Luke W. ensured victory and a final against Kingsdown.*

*In the final both Deal Parochial and Kingsdown were evenly matched until a looping ball from Luke found Finley G-C. who supplied Bobby A. to score the winner. Every player showed great maturity, passion, kindness and sportsmanship throughout.*

*Well done to you all.*

Simon Earl Sports Coach

## **Autumn Term DISCO – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

The PTFA has sent out an invitation letter to every child. Could you please return the consent form by 9<sup>th</sup> October if you would like your child to attend this event, celebrating friendships and sharing some cool dance moves for the end of term. Please look out for the letter in your child's book bag. Thank you.



Our pupils are celebrating National Poetry Day on 4th October. They will carry out some enjoyable poetry studies as part of their literacy lessons. I shared the poem below with the whole school during assembly. Please read it with your children again and enjoy the words written by the famous American poet, **Shel Silverstein**.

"I cannot go to school today,"  
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.  
"I have the measles and the mumps,  
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.  
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,  
I'm going blind in my right eye.  
My tonsils are as big as rocks,  
I've counted sixteen chicken pox  
And there's one more--that's seventeen,  
And don't you think my face looks green?  
My leg is cut--my eyes are blue--  
It might be instamatic flu.  
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,  
I'm sure that my left leg is broke--  
My hip hurts when I move my chin,  
My belly button's caving in,  
My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,  
My 'pendix pains each time it rains.  
My nose is cold, my toes are numb.  
I have a sliver in my thumb.  
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,  
I hardly whisper when I speak.  
My tongue is filling up my mouth,  
I think my hair is falling out.  
My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,  
My temperature is one-o-eight.  
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,  
There is a hole inside my ear.  
I have a hangnail, and my heart is--what?  
What's that? What's that you say?  
You say today is. . .Saturday?  
G'bye, I'm going out to play!"

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/sick-by-shel-silverstein>

This also launches our Black History Month in which all pupils will be celebrating diversity, cultural identity with the aim of reducing prejudice and removing stereotypical opinions.

Living in a town that has little cultural diversity it is more important that we all have the positive opportunities to break down any barriers that might bring about negative impressions. Children at this school do some times make unwelcome and hurtful comments towards children of a non white ethnicity. These comments are born from curiosity and a lack of experience and knowledge about our wider cultural diversity that this country has and how it is the law of this country to respect diversity. We will be teaching the language of respect and help our pupils understand how picking people out and making comments about appearance, race, and religion is unacceptable.



I hope that during this month we can break down any prejudice and celebrate Black History Month with a growing appreciation that diversity brings together our humanity.

The answer to fear of diversity is rooted in confidence in our own identity that gives us courage and confidence to enter other cultures and to explore them knowing that we shall be enriched by the people whom we meet.

Importantly our message is that this school is wholly inclusive and welcoming to all and we are proud to say this aloud.

Shel Silverstien is a very successful black author and poet.

You will be hearing more about cultural awareness and famous black people both alive and from history as our topic unfolds

### Diversity Blessing

May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy,  
Go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son who teaches us to care for stranger and foreigners,  
Go with us as we try to be good neighbors in our communities.

May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community,  
Go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all.

- Clare McBeath and Tim Presswood

**Thank you for your support  
Justine Brown Head teacher.**

