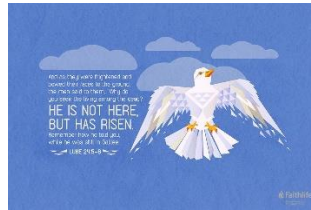


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Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 5, I hope everyone enjoyed a restful Easter break and are looking forward to the onset of summer with lighter evenings and warm sun!

## Welcome to new members of staff.

We welcome Ms Schlamkow, as our teacher for the Yr 2 pupils. She will be teaching full time for Term 5 and 6. We also welcome two new 1-1 support staff, Mrs Beer and Mrs Sobiech.

## Afterschool Care Provision

Last term we announced that we would be launching an afterschool care provision in the EAC, for our pupils from 3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. commencing Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ a cost of £7.50 per session. If you wish to book, please email [secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk) or [knightc@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:knightc@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk). An online booking system will go live shortly.

## Swimming

Swimming lessons are a vital life skill and this term Years 3 and 4 are commencing their lessons as of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Please remember to send your child in with their swimming kit. Payment is via parentpay in the school 'shop.'

## Forest School – Year 2

Year 2 will be participating in forest school this term as part of their PE. Children are also invited to attend the afterschool forest school club at a cost of £2.50 per week. Payment via the parentpay 'shop' please.

## SATS arrangements and other national, formal assessments taking place.

These are tests that children in all primary schools across England are required to carry out.

We try to carry out tests in line with the national timetable and most tests will take place in the mornings.

- Year 6 will be busy completing their SATS as from Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a test every school day this week. It is most important that children come to school and take the tests during this window of time.
- Yr 2 pupils will also be carrying out national SATS throughout the month of May.



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- Yr 1 & 2 pupils will have their phonic screening tests. This is a 1-1 short assessment that the class teacher delivers to each child. They take place the week starting Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Yr 4 carry out the national times tables screening tests.

All schools are required to complete a registration for each pupil taking any national tests. If for any reason your child is unable to come to school it is most helpful to inform the school office staff as soon as possible. We can then make alternative arrangements for the test to be administered once they are back at school.

This is a busy time of year, so please try to ensure that bedtimes are consistent and not too late. Tiredness reduces our self-confidence and concentration and it is a very real barrier for children achieving their best.

Also, please ensure that children arrive to school in good time. The tests will be started first thing in the morning and it is very off putting for children to arrive late. This often makes them feel unsettled and anxious.

Thank you for your co-operation. We want our pupils to feel good about their progress and learning and to give them the best chance to succeed. We will make all efforts to minimise the stress load that these tests can sometimes be felt by our pupils. We are very proud of them.

## Cricket

Monday 22 May - Kwik Cricket Tournament – KS2 - Deal Learning Alliance all day event hosted by Deal Parochial CEP.

Wednesday 24 May – Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament - Deal Learning Alliance all day event hosted by Deal Parochial CEP.

## Football

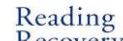
Thursday April 27 – Year 5 and 6 will participate in the Dover School Games Football competition hosted by Deal Parochial CEP.

## Please try to stick to our school uniform:

Everyone agrees that the wearing of PE kit on PE days seems to work. I would like children to wear appropriate PE kits, in the form of black or grey joggers / leggings or shorts, with their house team colour top. It is very useful for the children to wear the house colour tops, especially during the summer term when we will be preparing for the annual sports day and other such team events.

Hair ribbons and bands should be green to match our school colours.

Jewellery is to be kept to a minimum - no chains, dangly earrings or rings please as this is a safety hazard. I have noticed a few chains creeping in underneath T shirts. Please have a conversation at home and insist that they are removed for school. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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## Coronation Celebrations

It is not long before the whole country and, indeed world will be tuning in to see King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> be crowned at St Paul's Cathedral. This is a very historic event and we will be commemorating the event on Friday afternoon, when you are all invited to gather on our school field at 2pm to celebrate. More information to follow soon.

## Family Coronation art display

We are asking all our families to contribute towards creating our own heraldic crest that will represent all families at our school. We would like you to decorate using words, designs, patterns and pictures something that represents your family.

Everyone's own designed family coat of arms or crest, as you might call it, will then be added to the Deal Parochial School Crest.

In this way, we are defining our own cultural heritage and identity and contributing towards celebrating King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup>'s coronation through the emblem that you all help to create.

You will find a blank hexagon on which you can create your family crest. Please make it eye catching; use paint, ink, felt tips or collage that will stand out. You might like to use a bold font to elaborately scribe your family initials or name. You may like to add a word in bold that describes your family character.

I hope that this will create a stunning centre piece for display that we can proudly hang up at the school entrance. Please send this back into school by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** so that we can use your design as part of our DP crest. Thankyou.

If you then feel inspired, you can use your ideas to build a larger coat of arms for children to bring into school on the Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Save a large cardboard box or use some spare MDF. Children can parade their family crests at our afternoon coronation party.

## New School Facebook page

We have a NEW school Facebook page **Deal Parochial CEP**. Be sure to like and follow us to keep up to date with school events and news. The old one will be deleted soon to avoid confusion.



Please watch out for your class teacher newsletter that tells you what your child will be learning this term.



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## Dates for the Diary

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – last day of term
- Bank holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – School Closed
- Extra Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – King's Coronation - School Closed
- Term 6 starts Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- School Sports day – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. TBC
- Last day of term 6 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

I hope that our summer terms are fulfilling and fun packed. Please remember to come and talk to teachers or me should you have any concerns. We want our pupils to be happy and for them to be the best that they can be, working with you to achieve this.

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation, It is this that makes this such a friendly, family place to be.

Kind regards

Justine Brown

**“How blessed is  
this day, when  
earth and heaven  
are joined and  
humankind is  
reconciled to God!”**

– The Book of Common Prayer

