

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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"Like the bee gathering honey from the different flowers, the wise person accepts the essence of the different scriptures and sees only the good in all religions.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Families

I hope everybody enjoyed the bank holiday weekend.

Term 5 is flying by. As I walk about the school the children are working hard and there are many creative activities and different types of learning taking place. The school is a buzz of learning and engagement!

## Tennis

We are particularly proud of our newly accredited Yr 6 tennis leaders. They, and some ex pupils from Deal Parochial, have carried out the LTA young tennis leader qualification. This means that they can support and collaborate with the Deal In-Door Tennis Centre and other formal competitions. Well done to Liam, Luca, Naomi, Jamie, Isla and Artie. Thank you for your mature attitude and enthusiasm in supporting our younger tennis players. Our young tennis leaders will be helping in the organisation at the DITC tomorrow as part of the local school tennis festival. Their love of tennis and sense of community and service is something that I am very proud of. Thank you to Mrs Hodgson for arranging this opportunity. In doing this we hope that the love of tennis will prosper.



## Governing Body

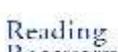
Our governing body has a parent governor vacancy.

Parents are invited to either self-nominate or put forward a nomination of someone who is keen to become a new member of our own governing body.

There is a very formal process to follow but is necessary in order to maintain transparency and fairness.

Following this newsletter you will receive a formal letter with all the details of the election process.

Our governing body is made up of 12 governors. Appointed governors come from different roles within our community. It is important that parents have the opportunity to contribute towards the governance of our school. Deal Parochial School has 2 parent governors which was agreed as part of the constitution of the governing body.



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In order to reduce paper waste, we will send out all the information on Parent Mail but invite you to collect a paper copy from the school office if you are interested in taking this forward.

Whilst school governance is a vital and most important part of the running of our school, and our meetings follow a formal agenda that is clerked, we are a friendly and very co-operative team. The role of governors is to question, challenge and support the school so that we can achieve the very best for children and families.

Governors come to meetings with a range of skills and experiences and this reflects the roles required in the different committee teams. These being:

Resources - finance and buildings

Ethos – Christian distinctiveness

Learning and Development – teaching and learning and the curriculum

Strategy – HR, policies, systems, structures and accountability

It is a lovely way for parents to become more involved in the life of our school. You will make good friends and grow together as our school adapts, changes and grows.

Please come and have a chat with me or any other governors to find out more. The process of elections are very formal and we need to follow the guidelines.

Mr Comlay and Mr Alltoft are our current parent governors. Mr Alltoft's appointed time of 4 years as a parent governor has now expired, thus creating the vacancy.

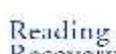
I warmly welcome any enquiries.

## Language

Whilst I have no wish to act as the judge and language police; I would like to remind all adults that the school grounds and entrance should be child friendly.

Please do not use bad language and expletives on, or as you are approaching the school site. There are very many young children who will copy or question the use of certain words. It is not fair that they are exposed to this.

Keep it clean please! Thank you.



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## Events and Dates:

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – last day of term – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Family picnic on our school field. @ 2pm
- Extra Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – School Closed
- Term 6 starts Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Time for reflection.

O Thou kind Lord!

Unite all.

Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home.

May they all live together in perfect harmony.

O God!

Amen

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Justine Brown

