

# THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE CEP SCHOOLS

## Newsletter – End of Term One 2018

Term one has seen an exciting and very busy start to the new academic year. All our new children have settled in well and the reception children are confidently exploring the school environment and making new friends. Year 6 had a wonderful residential, and all the teams have celebrated harvest. Thank you so much for joining us and supporting our chosen local charity, foodbank. When we return after the October break we will be in winter uniform – see details below. Please do also ensure that your child has a coat in school every day we do aim to get outside every day.

Please note the dates below of some events early next term.

The children finish on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October and return Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Have a good half term break.

### Family and Individual Photos

The photographer will be here on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

Between 8.15am and 9.00am the photographer will take any family photographs – this is for any children in school who have **pre-school younger** brothers or sisters to have photos taken together (and any **secondary age** brothers or sisters).

Children who only have brothers or sisters in this school will have their photo taken together during the school day after 9.00am so do not need to be here early.

The children will also be photographed individually.

Any questions about this please do ring the school office.

### DLA football tournament

Every year we participate with 11 other schools in a Deal Learning Alliance football tournament hosted by Warden House. This year we had the pleasure of bringing the winner's trophy back to school.

Congratulations to the team, thank you to parents for supporting and to Mrs Chambers for getting them there.

### Year 3 Bible Presentation

The congregations of the Parish of Walmer Churches, Walmer Baptist Church and Walmer Chapel raise money each year to provide Bibles for our Year 3 pupils.

These will be presented to the children in Year 3 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.40pm in the school hall.

Parents are welcome and invited to attend.

### Uniform

**Winter uniform** will be in place from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Year 3 – 6 will need white shirts (not tee-shirts) and ties.

Uniform information is under the uniform link on our website.

In particular note that hair accessories should be small and discrete in blue, grey or black. Trainers should not be worn unless for medical reasons.

**Earrings** have to be removed for all PE and swimming

### Notable Achievements

**A number of children have shared with the whole school their achievements in after school activities**

Charlie Y1 – level 1 swimming certificate

Logan - Y3 Rugby medal

Brodie Y6 – invited to play in the Kent football trials during half term

*Amazing achievement – well done to you all.*

### Year 6 – Admission to Secondary School

Please remember to complete your online admission form at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola). You will be required to name up to FOUR secondary schools in order of preference. All forms have to be completed and submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**.

### New Year R Admissions 2019

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 it is time to think about a school place for September 2019.

Apply to <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places> between **6th November 2018 and 15th January 2019**.



***Did you come to our new look celebration assembly this term?***

*Please do let us know what you thought of the new focus for awards.*

## DATES FOR DIARY

### Dates for the new academic year: 2018 - 2019

#### Term One 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Half term break 19<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

#### Term Two 29<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Christmas break 20<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

#### Term Three 3<sup>rd</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Half term break 15<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### Term Four 25<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Easter break 6<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

#### Term Five 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Half term break 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

#### Term Six 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

#### Staff Development Days when school is closed to children

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Term One 2018

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of term one for children – normal finish time

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Training day – school closed to children

### **Term Two**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Children return to school = WINTER UNIFORM

Year 2 Forest school starts

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Individual school photos

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Year 3 swimming starts

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Clubs start (4 weeks)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Year 3 Bible Presentation – school hall 2.40pm – parents invited

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Training day – school closed to children

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Open Afternoon from 2pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term two – children can be collected from 1.30pm

### **Term Three**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Children return to school

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5 Forest School starts

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Year 3 swimming starts

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

On Line Safety Day TBC

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of term three for children – normal finish time

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Training day – school closed to children

### **Term Four**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Children return to school

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Year 1 Forest School starts

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Year 3 swimming starts

4th/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March

Book Fair

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of term four – children can be collected from 1.30pm

### **Term Five**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Children return to school = SUMMER UNIFORM

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 3 Forest School starts