

Royal Marines Heritage Trail Launch

Dear Parents and Carers

On the afternoon of Monday 23 April, a very special event will be taking place in Deal to recognise the launch of a new Royal Marines Heritage Trail. This trail has been designed by groups of Year 5 children from all of the Deal Primary Schools who have worked closely with members of the local community to plan and design a trail around key historical sites in Deal. This launch coincides with the centenary of the Zeebrugge Raid – a significant event from WWI where many hundreds of allied troops were lost.

Royal Marines Parade

At 3pm, The Collingwood Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines and a Guard of 42 Commando Royal Marines will march via Dover Road, along The Strand to Deal Castle. The parade will then arrive on the grassed area of the seafront to the east of Deal Castle by 3:25pm.

Following the launch ceremony, the Royal Marines will then *Exercise their Freedom of the Borough of Deal* by marching to Deal Town Hall via the seafront – accompanied by a contingent of Royal Marine Association members with Standards and Women's Royal Naval Service and other dignitaries. The parade should arrive at the Town Hall at approximately 4pm.

Optional Early Pickup

To recognise this significant occasion in the history of our town, we would like to give all families the option of collecting their children early at **2pm on Monday 23rd April** so that they can take them to watch the parade. Should you wish to do this, please return the slip below by Friday 20th April so that we can ensure your child's teacher is aware that they will be leaving school early. Children should be collected from their classrooms as normal. No children will be allowed to leave school at this time unaccompanied. School will continue as normal for any children not being collected.

Road Closures and Potential Disruption

We would also like to make you aware of a range of significant road closures around The Strand and Deal Town Centre between approximately 2:45pm and 4:20pm as this may affect your plans to collect your child from school depending on your address. Further information about this event is available online at sites such as www.kentonline.co.uk.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr R Hackett

Headteacher

FAO: School Office

Please be advised that I will be collecting my child early at 2pm on Monday 23 April.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Signed: _____