



**HYTHE BAY**  
Church of England  
Primary School and  
Children's Centre

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Good Afternoon

Today was our annual Children in Need fundraising extravaganza, there have been lots of fun games and activities set up by the children in Y6 for classes to take part in during the school day. Everyone has had such a great time, children wore an eclectic range of clothes for Fancy Dress Friday and my spider tattoo looks extremely attractive on my arm! I am sure we will have collected plenty of money for this very good cause, once we have an exact figure of how much money was raised we will let you know via the school Facebook page.

Lots of exciting learning has been happening this week. Y6 have been making 3D maps showing the earth's tectonic plates – to help them understand how earthquakes form and to learn about areas of the world most susceptible to seismic activity. Reception and Y1/2 have started practising their Christmas plays this week – the singing I have heard coming from the rehearsals has been really beautiful. YR have been writing all about the Three Little Pigs – their letter formation is coming along well. Y5 have been learning about cubing numbers. Y3/4 have just started to learn all about Iceland, locating it on maps using grid references. Y1/2 have been learning about money and shapes in maths and printing in art.

There have been three confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school this week. We continue to take all recommended precautions to stop the spread of the disease and to keep the school open. Please, if your child has any of the recognised symptoms – a high temperature, a new continuous cough and loss of the sense of taste and smell – get a PCR test. If it's negative they can return to school as soon as they are well enough. Confirmed cases still need to isolate for the full ten days. Brothers and sisters can still come to school as usual. Please do all you can to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible when delivering and collecting children from school.

The Sainsbury's close to "sell by date" food that would normally be thrown away was not available this week but hopefully there will be some next week. Remember it will be available outside the main entrance on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3pm. Come along and help yourself – when it's gone it's gone!

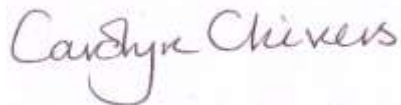
The Early Years and KS1 Christmas play dates are below. This year each class will be performing a short play. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance for each class. On the evening performance days please bring your children back to school for 6 o'clock so they have plenty of time to change into their costumes and get ready for the 6.30pm performance. There will be plenty of room in the hall so come to as many performances as you like and you are welcome to bring all the friends and family you want. It will be marvellous – you will laugh and cry and it's a great start to the Christmas festivities. You will probably be asked to provide a costume for your child – PLEASE DO NOT PANIC and DO NOT SPEND LOTS OF MONEY – talk to the teachers if you need some help – they can help you do wonderful things with a piece of sheet and a tea towel!

It is really important that all children in Y1 to Y6 have named PE kit in school every day. PE at this time of the year could be outside or in the hall and children need to dress appropriately. A pair of jogging trousers and a sweatshirt will keep children warm when they are playing games outside.

Next year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and all schools have been given an additional day's holiday in 2022. At Hythe Bay we will add that day to the beginning of the summer holiday so the last day of school for children will now be Tuesday 19th July. This could be good news for those of you booking holidays before the prices rise too much in August.

Have a look at the changes below that have been made to dates of Mrs Head's class and Mrs Short and Mrs App's class worship. The children will now lead their assemblies on Tuesdays in January.

Have a great weekend



Carolyn Chivers  
Headteacher

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> November 10.30am <b>Postponed</b>	<b>Mrs Head's Class Worship change of date to Tues 11/1</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 10.30am <b>Postponed</b>	<b>Mrs Short / Mrs Apps' Class Worship change of date to Tues 18/1</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Starfish Christmas Performance 1.30pm Turtles Christmas Performance 6.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Seahorses Christmas Performance 1.30pm Starfish Christmas Performance 6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Parrotfish Christmas Performance 1.30pm Seahorses Christmas Performance 6.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Turtles Christmas Performance 1.30pm Parrotfish Christmas Performance 6.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Tag Day – bring a contribution for the Christmas Hamper Raffle and children need not wear school uniform for the day
10 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm	Christmas Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm	KS2 Carol Service – St Leonard's Church
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term 2
4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term 3
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Head's Class Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Short / Mrs Apps' Class Worship change
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3
21 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of term 4
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Residential
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term 4
19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – no school
May	Y2 taking KS1 SATs (National Testing)
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 taking KS2 SATS (National Testing)
27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics check Y1 and Y2 (National Testing)
From 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Check Y4 (National Testing)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of school year – Change of date Additional day holiday given to schools for Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b>