

"We should love people not only with words and talk but by actions and true caring."

1 John 3: 18



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

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## Newsletter 1

Good Afternoon

Well that's it for another year, the holiday is over, it was too short and the weather was not great, but at least we all had a bit of a break. Sophie Cook had her baby – Otilie-Rose – which is great news.

Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard over the summer to get the school looking so good. Matt and John the caretakers deserve a special mention because they have worked non-stop this holiday. The decorating, the carpets, the outside areas all look terrific and the repairs and renovations have been carried out very efficiently.

Tomorrow is the first day of the year for children. Remember the gates open at 8.40am and you can take your children directly to their classrooms to meet their teacher. Arrangements for the new YR children are in the joining documentation you received last term. Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

Can I also take this opportunity to welcome everyone who is new to Hythe Bay this term. Starting a new school can sometimes be more traumatic for Parents and Carers than it is for children but we want it to be as pain free as possible for you. Teachers are always on the end of a phone or an email, or you can chat with them briefly at the beginning or the end of the school day. If you want a more in-depth conversation with a class teacher, ask them to arrange to meet with you at a time when they are not face to face with their class. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) are always available too – just pop in to the office, call or email - don't be afraid to come in and talk to us about any of your worries.

Natascha Burns has joined us as a teacher in the reception class, she will cover Stacey Tarchetti's maternity leave and will be with her class for the full year. Holly McCrudden and Daisy Murphy will also join us for the year as Student teachers – they will work alongside Mrs East and Miss Flaxton. Please contact Claire Moffatt the SENCo anytime to chat about any special educational needs children may have. While your first port of call if you need to speak to an adult about your child's learning should always be the class teacher, Owain East who leads KS2 – the children in Y3,4,5 and 6 and Sarah Roche who leads KS1 -the children in YR,1 and 2, are always happy to chat about any worries you have. They both have quite large teaching commitments but can always get back to you if they are not available. Of course Rebecca Prout – the Deputy Headteacher and myself are also around – come in and see us anytime. Email addresses are easy to work out for all staff at Hythe Bay – first name initial and then surname @hythebay.kent.sch.uk – so [cchivers@hythebay.kent.sch.uk](mailto:cchivers@hythebay.kent.sch.uk) or call us on 01303267802

A few reminders for everyone:

Please, please, please ensure all your children's clothes are named. Thirty sweatshirts without names are the cause of teacher's nightmares. Unnamed clothes will be put in the box in the Learning Zone. Named clothes found around the school will be returned directly to children. Please remember with the hot weather this week to send your child with named sun cream if required.

Attached to this letter is also a copy of the "non negotiables" at Hythe Bay. These are our expectations of all children at Hythe Bay. Children know if they cannot follow these rules there will be consequences to their actions. Help your child to be doing the right thing at school by checking that they are not breaking any rules before they arrive in the morning.

It is really important that we can contact you quickly in an emergency and that you receive all necessary information from us. So please ensure we have up to date contact details for you. Newsletters are sent via email if you have it but in an emergency we will telephone you. It is really difficult when a child needs their Mum or Dad quickly and the numbers we have are not up to date. Please also return your data collection sheet whether there are alterations or not – then we won't chase you for information.

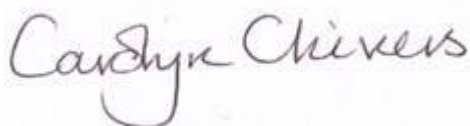
Remember to only use the pedestrian gates when taking children to and from school. This is for the safety of your children, taxis and disabled badge holders are able to access the school site but must drive with extreme care.

Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any worries or concerns, we may have missed something and would welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

On Friday 9th September at 2.30pm there is a chance for you to meet your child's teacher if they are in Y1-6 and hear about some of the exciting things the class will be doing, find out what they need in school on what days and ask questions about anything you are unsure about. YR Meet the teacher will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September again at 2.30pm.

A reminder to Y6 parents that the 11+ tests (PESE) will take all day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September and the Shepway and Dover Tests will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at the respective schools. Children must have been registered with the Local Authority to be eligible to take these tests.

I hope you all have a restful first day of term, I am sure your children will all be tired after their first day but pleased to be back with their friends and teachers.



Carolyn Chivers  
Headteacher

Anchored by God, we strive to teach children to be confident, connected, and creative through outstanding teaching and care. We show our love, tolerance, forgiveness, and compassion, not just by talking about them but living them each day of our lives.

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## Dates for Your Diary

**Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates**

**2023-24**

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Staff non-contact day
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff non-contact day
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of term 1 First day back for pupils
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 PESE Test (for children who want to go to a Grammar School)
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 – 6 Meet the Teacher 2.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Shepway Test
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year R Meet the Teacher 2.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Photographer in school Individual and family photographs
20 <sup>th</sup> September	YR/ Y6 visit to the Church
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Miss Cobb Class worship
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Gollop Class worship
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Visit to church to find out about how the Organ works KS1 / KS2
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Miss Flaxton Class worship
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Donald Class worship
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1/2 visit to the Tower of London
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Mrs Wiles Class worship
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 PESE Test results to parents
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations for children
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1 for pupils
30 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 2 for pupils
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Miss West class worship
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Friends Firework Display
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Head Class worship
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Visit to the Houses of Parliament
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Apps/ Mrs Hughes Class worship
4 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Jellyfish 6.30 - Clownfish
5 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Starfish 6.30 - Angelfish
6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Clownfish 6.30 Jellyfish
7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Angelfish 6.30 - Starfish
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair – 3.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Church Day
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Party
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Party

12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 at Church meeting nativity Characters
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service – 7pm St Leonards Church
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Party
13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Party
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service – 1.30
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2 for pupils
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Staff non-contact day
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of term 3 for pupils
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Whitham Class worship
19 <sup>th</sup> January	YR Class Worship
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Miss Cobb Class Worship
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mr Gollop Class Worship
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3 for pupils
19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4 for pupils
26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Miss Flaxton Class worship
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Church Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Donald Class Worship
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Miss West class Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y6 Residential
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 at church meeting characters from the Easter story
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 10am
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 4 for pupils
15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5 for pupils
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs Wiles Class Worship
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Church Day
13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Hythe Bay's Got Talent
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5 PESE meeting for parents (to discuss secondary transfer)
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5 for pupils
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term 6 for pupils
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Church Day
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/Y2 phonics Check
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Alternative Sports Day in case of rain!
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Apps / Mrs Hughes lass worship
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Slip through day – meet your new teacher
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Whitham Class worship
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production
12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports to parents
12 <sup>th</sup> July	YR class worship
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon
	YR Graduation
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service – 10am St Leonards
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6 for pupils
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff non-contact day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Staff non-contact day