

1st April 2022

Good Evening

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Finally, the holidays have arrived, I'm not sure what the weather is going to do but I am sure we will all be rested and relaxed by the time we return on Tuesday 19th April.

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Term 5

Updated guidance:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Rev Michael Darkins, the new Vicar at St Leonard's Church has been into school this week to join us for Worship. He has lots of great ideas to further develop the relationship between the school and the church. He would like to fill the church with miniature Easter Gardens made by the children on Easter Sunday. So if during the holiday children would like to create an Easter Garden, you can deliver them to school any morning before 14th April and we will get them to the church for the Easter Service.



Michael would also like children to join the Palm Sunday procession from St Michael's Church to St Leonard's Church on Sunday 10th April at 9am – just turn up and join in. Attached is also a programme for Holy week events in Hythe – everyone welcome.

It has been assessment week in school, children have been showing their teachers how well they are doing with their learning, through tests or teacher assessment activities. But there has also been time for some very exciting learning, children in YR have been making Chocolate Easter nests. In Y1/2 they have been working really hard using adjectives in their writing. Y3 /4 have been creating Viking information posters. Y5 have been out and about in Hythe looking for evidence of conservation on our doorstep. Y6 have been having the time of their lives at their residential at Kingswood, have a look at their photos on the Facebook page or the website. Children in Y1-5 have brought home their report cards today, so have a search in book bags if you have not seen it yet.

A reminder that next term Y4 will get a few taster swimming sessions in preparation for next year. The cost of swimming lessons for school groups is now £4 for a one-hour lesson. While swimming is part of the National Curriculum, we cannot force you to pay this cost and we completely understand that money is extremely tight for many of our families. However, if you feel you can make a voluntary contribution towards this cost we would be really grateful.

There are road works going on in Cinque Ports Avenue during the Easter break – so if you need to come into school for any reason use the car park and avoid parking on the road.

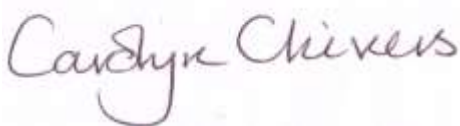
You will also see attached to this newsletter a leaflet outlining holiday activities as part of Kent's Connect programme, there are lots of exciting things for kids and families to do and many of them are free!

Folkestone School for Girls have sent out the dates for Y5 Open Mornings. They will be held in the school on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May 2022 from 9.30am to 10.45am. If you would like to attend, can you please call their reception on 01303 251125 to book a place, as they have restricted numbers for each day. Hopefully we will get information about the Open days of other local secondary schools soon.

A very exciting event for Hythe Bay is taking place during the holidays – our very own Owain East and Sarah Trigg are getting married. We wish them all the very best and hope the sun shines on their very special day - another Hythe Bay Love Story! Ms Trigg will remain Ms Trigg to the children until the end of the school year.

Sadly, two members of staff have left us today – Ruth Jenkins has extended her hours as the school counsellor at Astor School and Wendy Cannon is leaving us for a full time job in the finance office at the Harvey Grammar School, they have both worked at Hythe Bay for a long time and we will miss them terribly but wish them every success in their new careers.

Have a great holiday

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Carolyn Chivers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolyn Chivers
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary	
14 th April	Miniature Easter Gardens to be delivered to school
19 th April	First day of term 5
20 th April	Artist visiting Y1/2
25 th April	Young Voices Concert at the 02
25 th April	Governors Day in School
2 nd May	Bank Holiday – no school
May	Y2 KS1 SATs (National Testing)
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th 6 th May	Folkestone School for Girls Y5 Open Mornings – 9.30 – 10.45
5 th May	Y5 Living Land Event
Week beginning 9 th May	Y6 KS2 SATS (National Testing)
16 th – 20 th May	Y6 Bikeability
24/26 th May	Y6 visit to Dover Castle War Rooms
25 th May	Hythe Bay's Got Talent
27 th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
27 th May	End of Term 5
6 th June	Start of term 6
Week beginning 6 th June	Phonics check Y1 and Y2 (National Testing)
From 6 th June	Multiplication Check Y4 (National Testing)
2 nd July	Y6 Prom
19 th July	Last day of school year additional day holiday given to schools for Queen's Platinum Jubilee