



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

5th September 2022

Good Afternoon

I hope you have all had a great summer holiday, the weather has been simply wonderful and I've heard lots of tales from children about the exciting things you have all been doing over the holiday. Staff have been in and out of school throughout the summer getting everything ready for the new term and we are all ready to hit the ground running with some serious learning.

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.

Claire Moffatt has joined the SLT as the new SENCO – she is available 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 about – 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 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 area outside the Learning Zone. Named clothes found around the school will be returned directly to children.

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.

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 sticker 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 16th September at 2.30pm there is a chance for you to meet your child's teacher 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.

A reminder to Y6 parents that the 11+ tests (PESE) will take all day on 8th September and the Shepway and Dover Tests will take place on 10th September. Children must have been registered with the Local Authority to be eligible to take these tests

I hope you have all had 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.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Carolyn Chivers". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp.

Carolyn Chivers
Headteacher