

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

1 John 3: 18



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

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Newsletter 11

Good Afternoon

Three more weeks left of this term and we are heading for the busiest few weeks of the year. Christmas will start officially on Wednesday at Hythe Bay, the teachers will decorate the hall and entrance hall on Tuesday evening. I know it's all starting terribly early this year but because we break up on the 15th December – we don't have much time to get all the celebrating done if we don't start soon!

YR, One and Two are all frantically practising their Christmas Plays, there are Carols being sung everywhere you go in school this week.

Christmas Plays will take place in the school hall starting 4th December. Each class will perform their play twice, once in the afternoon and once in an evening (check diary dates for which class is which day). You will probably get a note from your child's teacher asking you to provide a very simple costume – DO NOT PANIC about this – if the whole business fills you will horror talk to the teachers, they will be able to help.

You are welcome to attend both performances and bring as many family and friends as you can muster. The afternoon events will start at 1.30pm, we will let you in as soon possible after 1.15pm when the hall is clean and tidy after lunch. There are no ticketed seats so as usual its first come first served. We are very happy for you to take photos of your own child, and ask that you do not put photos of other children on social media. Children may go home after the performance as soon as they are changed, if their parents are in the audience.

The evening performances will start at 6.30pm and it would be great if you could bring your child back to school for 6.00pm. Please let the teacher know if your child is unable to return for the evening performances – in one play last year the one wise man looked rather lonely! It's really exciting for small children to come back to school when it's dark and be in a play, so please do your best to get them here.

KS2 – Year's Three, Four, Five and Six will have their usual Carol Service at St Leonards Church on 12th December at 7.00pm. This event is very popular and the church will be full so get there in plenty of time.

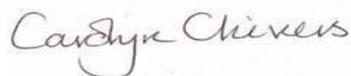
This year our Christmas Charity Collection will be for Feed the Hungry. This charity distributes food to hungry communities around the world. Later in the year, the children of Hythe Bay will help make the food parcels to be sent out. They will sort, weigh the ingredients and pack them ready for distribution in school.

The school Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 13th December – this is a real celebratory occasion. We have Christmas music, party hats, crackers and delicious food. The Teachers and Governors will serve children their Christmas Lunch and join them eating in the dining room. If you want your child to have a Christmas Lunch you **MUST** complete the form sent out last week by 1st December. The number of children who have this meal is always high and the kitchen need to know well in advance. Remember the meal is free to all children in Reception, Year One and Two and to anyone eligible for a benefit related free school meal. For everyone else the cost will be £2.41. Children may also bring packed lunches to eat that day.

Tickets for the Friends Christmas Hamper Raffle will be sent out over the next couple of days, if they are not required, please return unused tickets to the school office. Please buy a few and encourage you friends and family to do the same. The Grand Draw will take place on Monday 11th December and includes lots of wonderful prizes. There are tickets for Port Lympne, a day trip to France, gym membership, vouchers for shops restaurants and even golf lessons as well as £100 cash prize and lots of lovely hampers.

The Friends Secret Santa Shop deadline has been extended to the 1st December, so if you want your child to buy a present as a surprise for someone special. Send in £3.50 per gift and they can pick up a present, write a label and wrap it ready to go under the Christmas tree for Christmas day.

Only 15 school days left.....have a good weekend.



Carolyn Chivers
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary	
Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates	
2023-24	
28 th November	Online Parents NELFT workshop – Understanding Children’s Fears and Worries 17.30 -19.30
4 th December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Jellyfish 6.30 - Clownfish
5 th December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Starfish 6.30 - Angelfish
6 th December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Clownfish 6.30 Jellyfish
7 th December	KS1/ EY Christmas Productions 1.30 – Angelfish 6.30 - Starfish
8 th December	Friends of Hythe Bay TAG day for raffle prizes
8 th December	Christmas Fair – 3.15pm
11 th December	Y6 Church Day
11 th December	Y1/2 Party
11 th December	Friends of Hythe Bay Christmas Raffle Draw
12 th December	Y1 at Church meeting nativity Characters
12 th December	Friends of Hythe Bay Santa Shop
12 th December	KS2 Carol Service – 7pm St Leonards Church
13 th December	Y3/4 Party
13 th December	Online Parents NELFT workshop – Understanding Autism 10.00 – 12.00
13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
14 th December	YR Party
15 th December	Y5/6 Party
15 th December	Christmas Service – 1.30pm
15 th December	Last day of term 2 for pupils
2 nd January	Staff non-contact day

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

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.