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Good Afternoon

It's been a busy week at Hythe Bay, we have had a visit from Jenny Jones our School Improvement Adviser on Wednesday. Jenny looked particularly at the provision for children with Special Needs in the school during her visit. She was extremely pleased with the support we were able to offer SEND children and their behaviour for learning.

Y5/6 have been learning about our solar system and how its heliocentric (all the planets orbit the sun), Y3/4 have been finding out about States of Matter in science, looking particularly at how particles are distributed in solids, liquid and gases. Y1/2 have been looking at the Oliver Jefferies book *The Way Back Home* and have been making parachutes for the main characters. YR have been having great fun acting out the Bear Hunt story in their very own bear cave. Attached to this newsletter you will find a summary of the learning planned and the homework grids for this term. These documents are also on the school website if you ever mislay them.

We have also started the termly tracking meetings – every term we review every child in the school – looking at their attendance, their levels against age expectations and the progress they are making. We then discuss whether or not they need any additional support and put in place any interventions they need to accelerate their progress.

The Local Authority have big plans to improve the provision for children with SEND in schools and they will be holding online parents meetings next week which they would really like parents of children with SEND, either who have an EHCP or who are on the SEN register to attend. Parents only need to attend the session of their choice. There will be several meetings and the content will be identical and they will be led by KCC officers who will explain the new Localities model, encourage parents to complete the consultation and gather questions. Please use the links below to join:

- [Monday 15 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)
- [Tuesday 16 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)
- [Wednesday 17 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)
- [Thursday 18 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)

Whole School meals have informed us there will be a menu change on Thursday 18th January – to meatballs and pasta followed by raspberry ripple ice cream mousse.

We will be running two Phonics Workshops for parents on Tuesday 6th February. Every child in Reception, Year One and Year Two has a Little Wandle Phonics lesson daily. Phonics are the foundations of learning to read and many parents have told us they want to know more about how children learn to read. All the research shows us that children who read regularly at home as well as in school achieve much better outcomes than those who don't. They will be held at 9.00am - Breakfast Workshop and 2.30pm - Afternoon Tea and Cake Workshop. Please do come along and find out more.

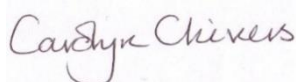
If you have a dinner or sports debt, please come to the office and settle the bill, this will really help the office staff.

Could this be the year you become a foster carer or host for Kent County Council? Have a look at the attached poster. Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people. Being part of their team you'll receive excellent support, fantastic training opportunities and could really make a positive difference to a child's life.

If you'd like to find out more please have a look at our website kentfostering.co.uk or give us a call on 03000 420002.

The weather forecast is showing we are heading for some really cold weather next week, please make sure children come to school in suitable clothing. Please also check clothes are named – teachers despair when they find thirty pairs of un-named gloves that need matching with small children.

Have a great weekend



Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary	
Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates	
2023-24	
18 th January	Y5/6 Space Ship Earth Exploration Day
19 th January	YR Class Worship
29 th January	Olympic Athlete visiting the school
26 th January	Miss Cobb Class Worship
31 st January	Young Voices Concert at the 02
2 nd February	Mr Gollop Class Worship
6 th February	Little Wandle Phonics Workshops for parents 9.00am Breakfast Workshop 2.30pm Afternoon Tea Workshop
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
19 th March	Y5 British Museum Visit
25 th March	Y2 at church meeting characters from the Easter story

26 th March	Y6 House of Parliament visit
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
19 th April	Y3/4 trip to Kew Gardens
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 class 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
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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.