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Newsletter 18

Good Afternoon

It's been a very traumatic week at Hythe Bay, not since Covid-19 was at its height have I known so many staff and children to be poorly with flu like symptoms. Adults and children are feeling very unwell and are being left with a really nasty cough – please all take care of yourselves. I must just say a really big thank you to all the well staff who have mixed and matched and kept the school running as normal. To everyone who is poorly we've missed you all – come back when you are feeling better. Talking to other Headteachers it seems to be the same in all the schools locally.

The children who were in school have been working hard, Y5/6 have been terrifying everyone by writing suspense stories. Y3/4 have had a visit from the Vicar and have interrogated him about his faith and finding out what it is like to be the Vicar of Hythe. Y1/2 have been working hard learning about how to use inverted commas in their writing. YR have been having great fun learning all about life in the arctic – it's a really fiddly job to get a sugar cube igloo to stand up on its own but it's great for the fine motor skills you need to learn to write!! Teachers spent Tuesday evening taking part in an advanced Autistic Education Trust training workshop. As I said last week - Everyone is a learner at Hythe Bay!

Next Friday the 2nd February, we are having a SIAMS inspection, this is an inspection which will look at our Christian Distinctiveness. Because of this we will postpone the Dragonfish Class Worship and reschedule for later in the term – we will let you know when as soon as it is arranged. The official letter informing parents of the inspection is attached.

A date to add to your diary is for the 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 and how they can help them at home. 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. The workshops will be held at 9.00am - Breakfast Workshop and 2.30pm - Afternoon Tea and Cake Workshop. Please do come along and find out more.

Shepway Autism Support Group are holding a coffee morning on Monday 5th February between 10 and 12 o'clock at the Beacon School, see the attached poster for more details.

As I said at the beginning of this newsletter there is a lot of flu going about – if you missed the chance to have your child vaccinated in school before Christmas, there is another opportunity:

Year R to Year 11.

Did your child miss their flu vaccine at school? Book a catch-up today. The School-Aged Immunisation Service has a clinic this weekend at

Hawkinge Community Centre on:

Sunday, 28 January 2024-09:30-2pm.

To book a clinic appointment go to: <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms>. Or pop along, as they are offering walk-ins throughout the duration of the day!

You may have seen on their social media pages that the Friends of Hythe Bay are trying to raise enough money to provide a new all-weather outdoor play area. With £11K of matched funding to come they are getting very close to the required target. If you feel you are able to donate please follow the link below and pledge whatever you can.

<https://www.spacehive.com/hythebayplay>

Please can any sponsor forms and money for the GB Athlete visit on the 30th January be returned to the school office first thing Monday morning to be included towards our total and to be eligible for an individual prizes.

Stay well and have a great weekend.

Carolyn Chivers
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary	
Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates	
2023-24	
30 th January	Olympic Athlete visiting the school
31 st January	Young Voices Concert at the 02
2 nd February	SIAMS inspection
6 th February	Little Wandle Phonics Workshops for parents 9am 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
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.