

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

1 John 3: 18



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Newsletter 13

Good Afternoon

It is with some trepidation that I write this newsletter because on Tuesday I told Governors that I will be retiring at the end of the school year. Hythe Bay has been my life for more years than I care to mention and I love everything about it, I became the Headteacher of Hythe Infants' School in 2001 and while the name of the school has changed several times I have remained. This is a very special place, with exceptional staff and the most amazing children and families and I am really not sure how I will cope without it.

Still, I am very old, and it's time for a change before I become completely incapable. Hythe Bay is in a great place and I know it will go from strength to strength in the future. Governors will start the recruitment process in the New Year and I am confident they will make the best choices for the future of the school. I promise they will make sure you are kept updated about any decisions they make.

But life goes on and we all have things to do – so more about next week and beyond:

This week's Year R and Year 1/2 Christmas plays have been a triumph, they made you laugh and they made you cry. It's a huge accomplishment for such very young children to get up on a stage and perform and we should all be very proud of them.

Y6 Church Day on Monday should be great fun, I know the Vicar and his band of willing helpers have prepared fun day for them all. Lunch will be served for the children at the Church so they do not need to bring packed lunches that day.

KS2 – Year's Three, Four, Five and Six will have their usual Carol Service at St Leonards Church on 12th December at 7pm.

The school Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 13th December – this is a real celebratory occasion. As usual we will have Christmas music, party hats, crackers and delicious food. Staff and Governors serve children their Christmas Lunch and join them eating in the dining room. 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 is £2.41. Children may also bring packed lunches to eat that day.

From January 1st the price of a school dinner will rise to £2.45.

Just a quick reminder that parents cannot park on the school site during drop off and pick up time unless they have Blue Badge or a sticker from the school giving them permission to access the school car park. We need to keep traffic on the site to a minimum to ensure the safety of all our children.

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.

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Please Please Please

park considerately when you are collecting and delivering children to and from school. Photographs of cars parked illegally over neighbours dropped kerbs will in future be sent to the police and highways department. It is really inconvenient when neighbours cannot get out of their drives because parents are not parking legally and does nothing to enhance the reputation of Hythe Bay School locally.

The end of term Church service will be held on Friday afternoon in St Leonard's Church at 1.30pm.

FREE VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR FAMILIES OF PUPILS WITH SEND - 12th DECEMBER 2023

A free virtual training session for any parents of pupils with SEND in mainstream schools may be helpful for those of you who would like to find out more about how mainstream schools support pupils with SEND. Please see the attachment which provides an overview of the aims of the session and booking details.

HYTHE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS HUNT 2023

Once again Hythe Museum, in Oaklands (just off Stade Street at the library) has a Christmas hunt for families over the coming weeks. Alongside two display cases of toys from the past, there is also a toy hunt to enjoy. Hidden amongst other exhibits are twelve other items to find.

A list of the toys to look for is shown on the Hythe Town Council website (under 'museum') or a poster at the museum entrance. There is also a special World War 1 Christmas display to see for those interested.

Remember: Not only is a visit to the museum free, but if you are aged up to 14 you can claim a Hythe Museum 'Wheels of Time' badge. (After your visit to the museum go to the library desk and sign in to receive your badge).

Only 5 school days left.....have a good weekend.



Carolyn Chivers
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary	
Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates	
2023-24	
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	Friends of Hythe Bay Santa Shop
12 th December	KS2 Carol Service – 7pm St Leonards Church
13 th December	YR Party
13 th December	Online Parents NELFT workshop – Understanding Autism 10.00 – 12.00
13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
14 th December	Y3/4 Party
15 th December	Y5/6 Party

15 th December	Christmas Service – 1.30
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 and 23 rd July	Staff non-contact day