

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

1 John 3: 18



22nd September 2023

Newsletter 3

Good Afternoon

Well, another week is under our belt and this week the school has been a hive of learning and activity!

The children in Starfish class have coped well with school full time. They've had a great time exploring their new classroom, getting used to the new routines and making new friendships as they get used to their new life at Hythe Bay. We have now completed the statutory baseline assessment that all schools have to do with children when they join a reception class.

In Year One and Two the children have been doing some very clever Design and Technology – building castles with draw bridges. In Year Three and Four, the children have been learning all about the food chain in science. The learning in Year Five and Six has been mark making in the style of Kevork Mourad – an art activity that has been great fun.

Attached is a flyer for the Duke of York School Open Morning which might be useful for Y5 parents; a flyer for a model railway exhibition at the Leas Cliff Hall; information about a new mobile food pantry and information for parents of children starting school next September. There is also a leaflet from NELFT about support for children who are suffering with anxiety, there has been a huge increase nationally in the number of anxious children since the Covid-19 pandemic and NELFT are keen to support these children.

St Leonard's Church are recruiting children to join the church choir, if your KS2 child is interested have a look at the leaflet attached.

Next Thursday is the Harvest Festival, we will all go to St Leonard's Church to celebrate. As usual it would be great if each child could donate something for the Harvest Display. This year our harvest gifts will go to the Food Bank at the Rainbow Centre. They have sent us some advice on what sort of food works best for them.

If you are intending to donate Harvest Food for us this year, there are some specific ways in which families can help us:

- Please can families check that the food is **in date** as we have to throw away out-of-date food.
- We can only accept tinned fruit, vegetables, meat or fish – unfortunately **no fresh produce**.
- We are grateful for any contribution but if you are able to highlight **our shortage list** that would be appreciated - *meals in a tin, tinned tomatoes, fruit juice, UHT milk, spreads, jam, tinned meat, tinned fish, cooking sauces, snacks, gluten-free foods, ketchup/mayo/BBQ sauce, instant noodles, pasta in sauce.*
- We have a **surplus** of baked beans and pasta so perhaps people could give a tin of tomatoes instead of beans or some instant noodles or pasta in sauce instead of pasta itself.

Teachers have requested that children bring water to school in an appropriate water bottle so that they can have a drink during the day. The weather is still quite warm and the best thing to hydrate the brain is plain water!

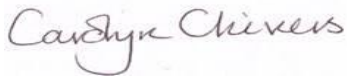
Please ensure all your children's clothes are named. Thirty sweatshirts without names are the cause of teacher's nightmares. Unnamed clothes will be put in the box in the Learning Zone. Named clothes found around the school will be returned directly to children.

Please ensure that you are not riding e-scooters on school grounds. We have lots of very young children on site and I know you would hate it if they were knocked over by an adult riding an e-scooter.

It is also 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. Please return your yellow data collection sheet whether there are alterations or not – then we won't chase you for information.

Mrs Tarchetti leaves us today to go on her maternity leave, we wish her well and look forward to seeing her **two** bundles of joy when they arrive.

Have a restful weekend and we will see you all on Monday morning!



Carolyn Chivers
Headteacher

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Dates for Your Diary
Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates

2023-24

28 th September	Harvest Festival
29 th September	Mr Gollop Class worship
6 th October	Visit to church to find out about how the Organ works For some children
6 th October	Miss Flaxton Class worship
20 th October	Mr Donald Class worship
11 th October	Y1/2 visit to the Tower of London
13 th October	Mrs Wiles Class worship
18 th October	Y6 PESE Test results to parents
19 th October	Flu Vaccinations for children
20 th October	Last day of term 1 for pupils
30 th October	First day of term 2 for pupils
3 rd November	Miss West class worship
3 rd November	Friends Firework Display
13 th and 14 th November	Parents Evening
10 th November	Mrs Head Class worship
16 th November	Visit to the Houses of Parliament
17 th November	Mrs Apps/ Mrs Hughes Class worship
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	Christmas Fair – 3.15pm
11 th December	Y6 Church Day
11 th December	Y1/2 Party
12 th December	Y5/6 Party
12 th December	Y1 at Church meeting nativity Characters
12 th December	KS2 Carol Service – 7pm St Leonards Church
13 th December	Y3/4 Party
13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
14 th December	YR 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	Staff non-contact day
23 rd July	Staff non-contact day