

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

## Newsletter 18

Good Afternoon

This week we had a visit from Pierre Henry-Fontaine, a Team GB Basketball Player. He talked to children about how important it is to persevere when learning. The children all really enjoyed his truly inspirational presentation.

Fifty-Four children also went to the O2 on Wednesday to take part in the Young Voices Concert. It was a very long day, the coach didn't return to Hythe until after midnight but they had a marvellous time. What a great achievement to be able to say you've performed at the O2 Arena, the venue for global superstars like Ed Sheeran, Madonna and Adele.

It has been a week of inspections. Today we had a SIAMS inspection, this is an inspection which will look at our Christian Distinctiveness. The children were magnificent and told the visiting inspector all about the wonderful things they had been doing at school this year. We should receive our report within the next fortnight.

We also had a financial compliance inspection, a check to ensure we are being financially responsible with our budget and following all the processes and procedures that we should. We were very pleased to hear we are doing everything we should be.

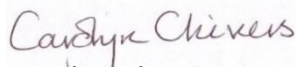
The children have also been working hard, Y5/6 have been writing biographies about Walter Tull. Y3/4 have been writing Blackout poems. Y1/2 have been writing instructions. YR have been making more bread. Teachers spent Tuesday evening taking part in the second part of Advanced Autistic Education Trust Training. As I said last week - Everyone is a learner at Hythe Bay!

A date to add to your diary is for the two Phonics Workshops for parents on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

This terms sports clubs will finish on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and a letter has been sent home today about applying for clubs for term 4. Please ensure that any outstanding debts for term 3 are settled before applying for a new club.

A poster is attached for the Rota Kids Valentine's Disco. Children need to bring their money into classrooms and Rota Kids will issue them with a wristband on the day of the disco. Parents DO NOT need to attend this event, staff will be happy to supervise the children. A snack and a drink is included in the entrance fee but children might want to bring some extra money to spend on the activities.

Stay well and have a great weekend



Headteacher

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

**2023-24**

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Little Wandle Phonics Workshops for parents 9am Breakfast Workshop 2.30pm Afternoon Tea Workshop
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3 for pupils
19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4 for pupils
26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Miss Flaxton Class worship
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Church Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Donald Class Worship
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Miss West class Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y6 Residential
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 British Museum Visit
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 at church meeting characters from the Easter story
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 House of Parliament visit
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service 10am
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 4 for pupils
15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5 for pupils
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 trip to Kew Gardens
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs Wiles Class Worship
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Church Day
13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Hythe Bay's Got Talent
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5 PESE meeting for parents (to discuss secondary transfer)
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5 for pupils
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term 6 for pupils
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Church Day
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/Y2 phonics Check
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Alternative Sports Day in case of rain!
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Apps / Mrs Hughes class worship
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Slip through day – meet your new teacher
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Whitham Class worship
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production
12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports to parents

12 <sup>th</sup> July	YR class worship
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon
	YR Graduation
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service – 10am St Leonards
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6 for pupils
22 <sup>nd</sup> 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.