

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Good Afternoon

It has been much quieter in school this week after the excitement of Children in Need, with lots of learning taking place. Our new Sports Coach has now been in school for two weeks and the children are getting some great outdoor PE teaching. You will notice that sports clubs are now up and running and we are taking part in our first inter school sports competition in a few weeks' time, when Y5/6 will take part in the Shepway School Basketball competition.

Today Y6 have had an Earthquake workshop in the hall, this should consolidate their learning around this terms topic of Natural Disasters. Christmas Plays seem to be coming together and children have been acting on the stage this week. YR have been doing lots of work around the Stickman story by Julia Donaldson. Y5 are using A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens as a focus for their learning this term and they will be performing scenes from the play on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am, so parents and carers are very welcome to come and watch the performance. Y3/4 have been making Saxon helmets and Viking Long Boats. Y1/2 have been learning all about money by playing in their own Costa Coffee and toy shop.

Next week Christmas will hit Hythe Bay, Christmas trees are arriving and the entrance hall and main hall will be prepared ready for the festive season. It's coming thick and fast and it will be full on for the next three weeks – we haven't had a proper school Christmas for several years now – so get into training now!

The Children's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm, because of the pandemic we are going to arrange it a little differently this year. Every class will have a stall as usual but they will be outside the classroom doors. So think of it more as a Christmas Market, we can wander around the stalls at our leisure rather than all crowd into the hall.

The 10<sup>th</sup> December will also be a Tag Day – no need for children to wear school uniform if they bring in a little something for the Christmas Hamper Raffle – maybe a box of Christmas biscuits, a bottle of bubble bath or anything you think would go well in a Christmas Hamper.

Also on the 10<sup>th</sup> December there is another Adult Education Christmas Crafting Session. Ten families can join in this activity which will be held in the spare KS1 classroom. If you are interested email [rprou@hythebay.kent.sch.uk](mailto:rprou@hythebay.kent.sch.uk) or talk to the office – first come first served!

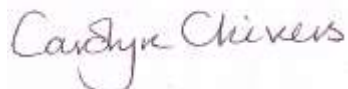
The Early Years and KS1 Christmas play dates are below. This year each class will be performing a short play. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance for each class. On the evening performance days please bring your children back to school for 6 o'clock so they have plenty of time to change into their costumes and get ready for the 6.30pm performance. There will be plenty of room in the hall so come to as many performances as you like and you are welcome to bring all the friends and family you want. It will be marvellous – you will laugh and cry and it's a great start to the Christmas festivities. You will probably be asked to provide a costume for your child – PLEASE DO NOT PANIC and DO NOT SPEND LOTS OF MONEY– talk to the teachers if you need some help – they can help you do wonderful things with a piece of sheet and a tea towel!

We need some helpers please - if you are a DBS checked volunteer for the school, we would really appreciate your help on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Y6 are taking part in an Advent Church Day that is organised by the Church, it's a really great day full of exciting Christmas activities

but they need more adult helpers. If you can spare a few hours talk to the girls in the office and we can put you in contact with the organisers.

There have been four confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school this week. We continue to take all recommended precautions to stop the spread of the disease and to keep the school open. Please, if your child has any of the recognised symptoms – a high temperature, a new continuous cough and loss of the sense of taste and smell - get a PCR test. If it's negative they can return to school as soon as they are well enough. Confirmed cases still need to isolate for the full ten days. Brothers and sisters can still come to school as usual. Please do all you can to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible when delivering and collecting children from school.

Have a great weekend



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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 10.30am <b>Postponed</b>	<b>Mrs Short / Mrs Apps' Class Worship change of date to Tues 18/1</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Starfish Christmas Performance 1.30pm Turtles Christmas Performance 6.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Church Advent day Seahorses Christmas Performance 1.30pm Starfish Christmas Performance 6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Parrotfish Christmas Performance 1.30pm Seahorses Christmas Performance 6.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Turtles Christmas Performance 1.30pm Parrotfish Christmas Performance 6.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Tag Day – bring a contribution for the Christmas Hamper Raffle and children need not wear school uniform for the day
10 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm	Christmas Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm	Adult Education Family Christmas Crafting
13 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm	KS2 Carol Service – St Leonard's Church
15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Y5 performance of A Christmas Carol
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term 2
4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term 3
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Head's Class Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Short / Mrs Apps' Class Worship change
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3
21 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of term 4
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Residential
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term 4
19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – no school
May	Y2 taking KS1 SATs (National Testing)
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 taking KS2 SATS (National Testing)
27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics check Y1 and Y2 (National Testing)
From 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Check Y4 (National Testing)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of school year – Change of date Additional day holiday given to schools for Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b>