

Hythe Primary School Newsletter

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A message from Miss Peppard

Thank you for all your kind words of support following the very sad news about Mr Atkinson. He was such a huge part of Hythe Primary School and will always be missed. Having spoken to his wife, I can confirm that his funeral will take place on Monday 16th February, midday, at Test Valley Crematorium. We are expecting there to be many people who want to attend and Mr Atkinson's wife has said that all are welcome. She would appreciate having a rough number so she can ensure there are enough Order of Services. If you, or someone you know would like to attend, please let us know at school so we can pass information on to the family. I asked about flowers and Dave's wife said she knew that he would hate for arrangements to be left out in the rain to ruin. He would much rather people planted some spring bulbs as spring flowers were always his favourite. This might be a nice way to remember Mr Atkinson with some of the older children that he taught.

In school we are going to dedicate an outside bird feeding area to Mr Atkinson. He loved the great outdoors and was keen to share his passion with the children. We will be raising money for a bird hide structure to accompany the feeder stations and binoculars we have already purchased. Details to donate will follow.

Thank you C Peppard

Year R go the Brickworks!



The children became historians learning about bricks and their history while walking around the museum. They were amazed by the size of some of the machines. They also became engineers and scientists during their bridge building, boat sinking and house making sessions. They had to work together to build a bridge that a



boat could go under or a car could go over. They showed some brilliant team work and created some very well constructed bridges. During their house testing session the children had to make the Three Little Pigs houses and then tested them by pretending to be the Big Bad Wolf. The brick houses were definitely the strongest. They all had a wonderful time. There are more pictures on the Hythe Howler!



Year 3/4 go to Bucklers Hard

Here is an account of the children's day:

"On Tuesday 27th January, we went on a trip to Buckler's Hard to learn about what it was like for people to live back then.

We put our bags down in the big cafe and went to the museum. Buckler's Hard is famous for building boats and we heard a fun fact about it! Did you know 2,000 trees were used to make one warship? Wow, that's a lot of

trees! When we got to the museum, two characters kindly showed us around. Our guide was called Henry Adams and he told us what life was like back in the 1700s. They didn't even have any electronics! We also explored a chapel, which is like a small church. When we looked through a window, we saw a smuggling den! By the way, the den was under the chapel, it was so cool. We walked down to the houses near the boatyard and saw where some of the workers lived.

We all really enjoyed the trip." written by Matilda, Peter, Lola, Ollie, Flo, Sofia and Henry W & JO class.



Requests and Reminders

Walk to School badge competition — Recently all children brought home the design a badge competition entry form. Entries need to be returned by Tuesday 24th February.

KS1 workshare — On the 13th February between 8.45-9.05am there will be a workshare for KS1 in their classrooms.

Spare clothes — We are running low on spare clothes. If anyone has any jogging bottoms/leggings for ages 5-9, polo shirts ages 5-7 and pants (boys and girls) any ages between 5-10 we would love to have them as spares.

Pancakes — There will be pancakes available for pudding on Thursday 12th February.

PTA meeting — We would like to invite parents to the PTA meeting on Friday 6th February at 2.15pm.

Half term — School closes from 13th February at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 23rd February at 8.45am.

Healthy Snacks

We have been looking at what items the children are bringing to school for snack time.

Items have included chocolate biscuits, doughnuts and crisps.

We would like to remind parents the importance of giving their child a healthy snack for break. Fruit and vegetables are a great source of vitamins, minerals and fibre, and an important part of a balanced diet for kids and adults.

Some good choices would be: carrot sticks, apples, bananas, grapes, yoghurts, cheese sticks, mini malt loaf or cherry tomatoes.

We know it can be difficult to know what to do when it comes to snack time.

The NHS have some great advice on their website below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

They also have tips on making fruit fun e.g fruit kebabs and water melon fruit lollies. It would be worth having a look through their website for more great ideas and fun recipes to make at home.



Can do Festival

Last week, some of our 3/4 children were lucky enough to attend a festival at Testwood school. They had a great time, trying out lots of sports. Some, like archery and axe throwing, they had done before and were able to show their skills, with lots of bullseyes being scored (including one from Mrs Green!). They really enjoyed new age curling - like normal curling but without the ice! They also played team building games where they had to lead each other around an obstacle course whilst blindfolded! Tricky stuff!



New dinner menu

After half term children will be able to enjoy the new dinner menu.

There will be new dishes including: cheesy bean whirls, rainbow noodle bowl and Golden Coconut chicken curry. This will be along side their usual favourites like pizza and roast dinner. A full menu will come out to parents next week and will be able to view on the schools website on Friday 13th February. A paper copy will also be available from the school office.

