

Hythe Primary School Newsletter

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A message from Miss Peppard

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. It's a busy half term with lots of events from a disco, To World Book Day, to a gift sale to an Easter Egg raffle! Everything is always on the calendar on our school website so keep a check there if you're not sure what's happening.

At the end of this half term, we also send out our mid-year reports to parents, detailing your child's progress, attainment, attitude to learning and current targets. As in previous years, there is an effort grade of either 1, 2 or 3. We have tightened this up this year to ensure that pupils who show exceptional effort in some areas are accredited for this. This year, expected effort in lessons (taking part, asking for help, trying their best) will be awarded a '2' for effort. If a pupil shows exceptional effort (challenges themselves regularly, supports peers etc) they will be awarded a '1' for effort. Any pupil who shows some room for improvement in their effort (talking over others, not attempting work, low level disruption etc) will be awarded a '3' for effort. An effort grade of '1' will help to give parents a good idea of the subjects that their child is showing a really keen interest in. Please take these changes into account if comparing last year's report to this year's report. As always, the year R report is in a different format to match the end of the Foundation Stage rather than the National Curriculum followed by all other year groups.

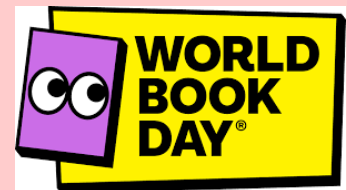
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World Book Mufty Day & Book Fair

Next Thursday is World Book Day. This is a mufty day for all children. Children can come dressed as a book character or in something comfortable to read in.

The ladies at the Friends of Hythe Primary PTA are also doing a 'hire a costume' event in the hall on Monday 2nd March from 3.15pm. Parents can come along and have a look at the costumes available to hire, leave a £5 deposit which will be returned to parents when the costume is returned on Friday 6th March. If someone does not return to collect their deposit the money will go towards some books.

We also have a book fair coming to school ready for World Book day. The book fair will be open after school at 3.15pm on 4th & 5th March. Before half term children brought home World Book day vouchers which can be used to go towards buying books at the fair. We look forward to seeing you all there to buy the latest reading material for a bit of family bedtime reading!



Year 5/6 go to the Living Rainforest

The children had a wonderful time on their trip to the Living Rainforest. Here is the account of the day by Thomas and Treasure in Year 6.

"Although the coach ride was long, we had fun talking to friends and singing. When we got there we were split into 5 groups and then half of us waited doing a reading puzzle about the rainforest and then we went to the gift shop, mean while the other half went on the tour.

We saw a sloth, a caiman (who was so still it looked dead), a scorpion, armadillos, butterflies, toucan, red eye tree frog and a poison dart frog. Fun fact: they are deadly animals! In the green houses it was magnificent. We had a great day."



Requests and Reminders

INSET day — We have an INSET day on Monday 9th March.

Pre loved uniform— Just a quick reminder that the PTA sell pre loved uniform at a discounted price. If anyone would like to view their uniform please let the office know and they can arrange for someone to meet you at the PTA hub in the playground. Donations are also welcome.

School disco

Today is the last day to buy a disco ticket from the PTA hub or the school office. As it is the disco this Friday there is of course a mufty day for all children.

The Year R & KS1 disco is 3.15-4.15pm and KS2 is 4.30-5.30pm.

Children in Year R & KS1 will be collected from their classrooms afterwards as normal and children in KS2 should be dropped off and picked up from the school's front door.



Travelling to School events

Beep Beep day is booked in for 18th March for children in Year R & KS1. This is a road safety day run by schools to teach the basics of road safety to our youngest children. Things like; holding hands with adults when crossing or walking alongside the road, choosing a safe place to cross the road and using a car seat when they are in the car.

We have some information for parents on buying a car seat and car seat safety by visiting this link https://issuu.com/firstcar/docs/fc_parents_guide_v4_16pp_issuu_27baad3d346c52

We also have the whole school Big Walk and Wheel week running from 16th—27th March encouraging children to walk or scoot/cycle to school. Children will need to let their teachers know how they travelled to school during this week. If more than 15% of pupils walk, scoot or cycle to school during that week we will be entered into a competition to win accessories and equipment for helping our pupils travel to school actively and safely.



Mothers Day Gift Shop

The Friends of Hythe Primary are having their Mother's Day gift sale on Friday 13th March.

If you would like your child to attend the sale please provide a small amount of money in a named envelope, wallet or purse.



Easter bonnet parade & Easter Egg raffle

The Year 1/2 Easter bonnet parade will be on 26th March at 9.15am. Children should decorate a bonnet at home and bring it into school on the day. The lovely ladies in the office will be judging them again this year and there will be prizes for the winners. We look forward to seeing your wonderful home made designs.

There is also an Easter raffle, with several Easter eggs in different sizes available to choose from for the winners in each year group!

An adult hamper will also be up for grabs to win for those adults who don't want to miss out on some lovely chocolate to share with the family (or not!).

Tickets are £1 and go on sale from 9th March either at the office or the PTA hub.



Other events in March/April

Monday 16th March — Parents evening sheets go up after school, for parents to sign up to see teachers. More info to follow on the next newsletter.

Friday 20th March — Red Nose Day mufty day. Suggested donation of £1 & reports out.

Tuesday 24th March — Parents evening. More info to follow.

Wednesday 25th March— Parents evening. More info to follow.

Friday 27th March — School closes for half term 3.15pm

Monday 13th April — School re-opens 8.45am