

Hythe Primary School Newsletter

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A message from Miss Peppard

The summer term is upon us and it's always a busy one! Our Year 6 pupils are working hard to get themselves SATS ready and they are all showing that they have super attitudes already. Our Year 4 pupils have been absolutely flying when it comes to their multiplication tables check and our Year 1 pupils are making fabulous progress with their phonics. Of course, it's always important to make sure our pupils are ready for any of these government assessment checks, however, we also know how important it is to ensure all of our pupils continue to get a full curriculum and a range of experiences. One of the ways we do this, which is unique to Hythe, is through our Forest Week. Those of you who have older pupils will know all about this, but those who are newer to the school community may not! In the last week of this half term, all of our pupils experience 3 days of 'off-timetable' lessons and experiences, where we celebrate the great outdoors and apply the knowledge and skills we have learned in the classroom to other activities. So, if your child has come home talking about inflatable bowling, crazy golf, fire pit or magic wands, it is probably because they've been shown the activities on offer this year and started to talk about what their favourites might be! We'll send more information nearer the time so watch this space! **C Peppard**

Sports News

In March Hythe Primary School took part in several tournaments. Here is some information about how they got on:

Year 3/4 Netball—"We had a fantastic time at the netball festival! We showed how well we understood the different throws and used them confidently during our games. Our team spirit was brilliant, and we supported each other all the way through. We were very proud to finish 4th out of 7 teams—well done to all of the year 3/4 s who took part." Mrs Ison

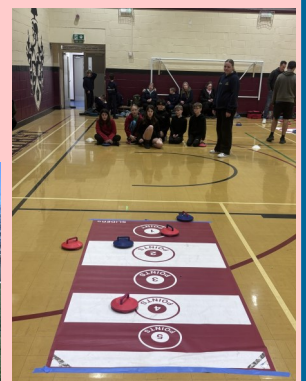
"A very busy few weeks of sport to catch up on. We started with a handball competition for Year 5/6, our team grew in confidence as they played more games, ultimately finishing third but only a point behind first and behind second on goal difference!

Next up was KS1 football, with a girls event in the morning and a boys event in the afternoon of the same day. This was a festival event, so no results are recorded. Our teams had a mix of experienced players and those who were wanting to join in for the first time, and they had a great time playing football in the sunshine.

The next day saw us enter a New Age Kurling (yes, with a 'k') event, inspired by our Winter Olympics GB team. New Age Kurling is very similar except it's not played on ice. This was the first time we had entered this event, although our 5/6 team had some experience from a previous festival. They played a variety of skills and target based games against each other, as a battle of wits broke out between them: choosing whether to go for power or precision; to knock your opponent out of the target or to use your stone to block your competitor.

Finally, that same afternoon we took a 5/6 team to Testwood for the third and final Indoor Athletics league meeting of the year. We had been unable to attend the second meeting earlier in the year, so we knew that we would unfortunately be unable to climb further up the league table. This didn't stop our team who still gave everything they had and never gave up. Special mention must go to Max in year 6 who ran the 1 lap race in the fastest time of any team!

Thank you again to all children who have taken part in events and clubs, and to all parents who have helped with lifts to and from events, ensuring we can continue to offer our children these fantastic opportunities." Mr Osey.



Requests and reminders

Earrings — Children with pierced ears should only be wearing studs as part of the uniform. If earrings cannot be removed for PE parents should provide micropore tape so as the backs can be covered over for safety.

Sports Day — Sports day is now on Monday 29th June for Year R and KS1 and on Tuesday 30th June for KS2. Please keep an eye out for future newsletters for transition meetings being held after the sports days.

Bank holiday— School is closed on Monday 4th May.

PTA meeting — There is a PTA meeting on Friday 8th May at 2.15pm all parents are welcome.

Red Nose Day — Thank you to all parents who donated £1. We managed to raise £155 for this amazing cause.

Year 3/4 Production — Thank you to all who came to watch the Year 3/4 production. We managed to raise £101 towards props and scenery etc for the production.

Happy Shoes Day — Miss Moffat has set up a fundraising campaign as part of Walk To School Week in May. It's called Happy Shoesday. On 12th May (a little bit earlier than the national day because of Forest Week) children are able to wear their own shoes (no heels/studs) to celebrate walking, wellbeing and creativity.

Children can donate to our fundraising campaign in order to wear the shoes they want to. 50% of the money goes to us and 50% to Living Streets,

Here is the fundraising page: <https://superkind.org/campaign/hythe-primary-school-happy-shoesday-12th-may-2026>

Whole School Festival Disco

Tickets for the upcoming Festival disco (15th May) can only be booked via Zeffy. We have attached the required link below or parents can use the QR code which can be scanned to get to the site which is on the attached poster. Children of parents who have paid for a ticket will get a wristband on 13th May which will be used as their entry ticket on the day.

Zeffy details — <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/hythe-fest-disco>

The school office will have a register of children who have a ticket for on the door on the day.



Bags 2 School

We now have our new clothing bin. It is stashed in the same place as our old clothing bin (near the bike racks) and can take the same items as before e.g clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, hats etc.

It will be emptied on 19th May by Bags 2 School. If you have anything to be dropped off before the new bin arrives please let the school office know.



Lock In

On the 1st May we will be practicing our new lock in procedure. This is required to keep children safe from dangers outside. These may include: injured animals, chemical gas leaks or an intruder on the school grounds.

Children will have the procedures practiced and discussed with them in the few days leading up to the whole school lock in.

If we had to do this for a real danger in the grounds, parents would be informed straight away as soon as the lock down was complete.

This is a necessary H&S precaution as are fire drills.