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Hythe Primary School Newsletter

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A message from Miss Peppard

Welcome to the new school year 2026/27!

This year we have started our 'No Outsiders' journey to ensure everyone feels welcome and respected in our school. The whole school have read 'Along came a different' and have represented themselves as a shape caricature. The idea behind this is to show how we are all different, have different likes/dislikes but, despite our differences, we can all be part of a welcoming community. All of the children's shape caricatures are displayed on their classroom doors and the staff artwork is on a display in the corridor!

This year, I'd really like to build up the communication between home and school further, so, in each newsletter I am going to share a link to a form that I can use to take on board more parent feedback. This week's is all about how well your child has settled into school. Here's the link...

<https://forms.gle/YYZYt8vVBxLt72Cy8> the form will stay open for a week, and, over time, I will be able to share with you any feedback and subsequent actions.

Safeguarding Update: As always, the staff started the school year with safeguarding training, becoming familiar with all the updates to Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE), completing PREVENT training as well as the annual health & safety training.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

Every year we ask parents to help with the Rotary Shoe Box appeal which helps children in other countries get a small gift for Christmas. As usual we have boxes for the appeal at the school office. A list of items can be collected from the office as well but items allowed in the box are as follows: Small toys, books, hats, gloves, socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, pens, pencils, card games, sports items, hairbrushes/combs, skipping ropes etc.

If you cannot fill a box but would like to donate a few of these items, please place them in a bag and hand them in at the office and we will put donations together. Items not permitted are: liquids, food, war/religion related items, sharp items etc. Decorate the boxes if you like with colourings or stickers and drop them into school before half term.

Help us to put a smile on children's faces this Christmas!

Recycling

Just a quick reminder about items we recycle here at school. There is a clothing bin in the playground by the bike racks which will take paired shoes, clothes, hats and teddy bears (no uniform with our logo on). They will be coming to empty the bin on Wednesday 7th October. We also recycle batteries and small toner cartridges at the school office.

Requests and Reminders

Requests:

Year R would like small puzzles suitable for 4 & 5 year olds. They must have all the pieces and the pictures should be scenery or animals but no cartoon characters please.

Music: Does anyone have any music keyboards that they would like to donate? They must be in a working condition and suitable for children to use.

Key Stage 2 are planning on using the forest area on Friday afternoons for Golden Time. Our Mud Kitchen area is due for a revamp and we would appreciate any donations of old/used metal pots/pans/trays and plastic kitchen utensils. Items can be handed in to the office or class teachers

Reminders:

There are a couple of upcoming trips in Year 5/6. If you haven't done so already, please pay online (or in cash if needed) and return the permission slips.

Playtrail - Our playtrail is currently not in use. Please make sure children do not play on it before or after school.

INSET days - Our inset days for this school year are: 2/11/26, 25/3/27, 7/6/27, 21/7/27.

NUT FREE - We are a nut free school, please make sure items contained in packed lunches are nut free.

Morning snack time - Some children are not bringing in a healthy snack for break time. We have seen sweets, cakes and even pizza brought in for snack time. We would like to see fruit or cereal bars instead so we can keep children eating as healthily as possible.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival - We will be collecting items for the Waterside Foodbank for Harvest Festival this year on 5th & 6th October. Please could children bring in an item to help this charity and our local community. Items such as rice, pasta, tea, coffee, personal care items such as shower gels, toothpaste etc, cereals, canned vegetables, canned fruit and long-life milk are always the most sort after. The foodbank does not accept out of date items so please check these before handing them in.

Harvest challenge - How many items could you get for £2? the record is 5!!

Foreign coin collection

At the office we will be collecting foreign coins and notes again this year.

We would also appreciate any one and two pence coins or outdated decimal coins, farthings, pennies, threepence, sixpence, shillings, and crowns.

Please take a moment to donate these coins and banknotes, and Coins4Cash will purchase them, turning your contributions into valuable support for our school.