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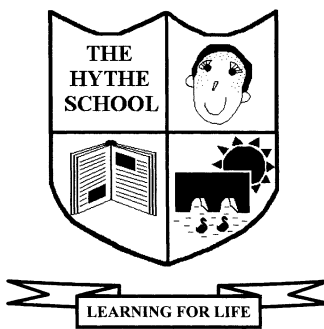
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Headteacher's News

I want to say a huge thank you to the PTA for organising our first 'Break the Rules' day last week. The children broke enough of the five rules to raise the amazing sum of £359. Thank you also for the positive feedback about this original way of supporting our school.

I think it is important to share with you all what and how the children learn at The Hythe so that you are more easily able to support them.

One of the ways we are doing this is by running parent workshops while the children are dancing away at the PTA discos. The next workshops are being held on Thursday 13 February. The subjects being covered are Reading & Phonics. You will receive a letter from us nearer the time to sign up and take part in them. I hope you are able to take up this opportunity to find out more about your child's learning at The Hythe.

You may know there was a tragic incident recently involving a teenage boy at the nearby railway crossing. Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to pupils across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery. Network rail would like us to share this safety video with you, should you wish to show it to your children. They recommend it is shown before the next Easter holidays, as this is when Network Rail

consistently see a spike in trespassing. This clip is suitable for children aged 7-11. <https://learnliveuk.com/trespass-awareness-week-primary-schools/>.

Network Rail ask you to register to watch so that they can collate data about which areas near to crossings are being covered. We would also like to show it in school to the children in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 and will send a letter home shortly to ask for your permission for your child to see this.

The children's bicycle and scooter shelters are both now in one place alongside the new building at the back of the school. The shelter next to the canteen is now for staff bicycles only. Please make sure your child knows about cycling and scooting to school safely and wears a helmet. We recommend that bikes and scooters are locked. For the safety of everyone, please do not let your child ride their bike/scooter on the school site. Thank you.



Mrs A Peart

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Upcoming Events

- Safer Internet Day
- PTA Superheroes
- Spring Discos
- Parent workshops
- Book Week

Look out for more information on these events in this and future newsletters



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CURRICULUM - DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

At the Hythe we ensure the children experience a wide and balanced curriculum. Design Technology (DT) plays a significant role in many of our Cornerstones projects. Across the school the children develop a range of progressive skills beginning in Early Years all the way to Year 6. These skills include cutting, joining, designing, evaluations and a range of food technology. Where possible links are made between Art and DT then DT may be taught by our art specialist.



From Reception, children are encouraged to think about their design prior to making and are given visual reminders of things they can do to improve models. We pride ourselves on using technical vocabulary in DT throughout the school.

In Year 2 the children are learning about healthy eating, food hygiene and will be creating their own outdoor kitchen.

This term Year 5 are working with Royal Holloway University students to complete a DT project in which they make robotic cars. It is wonderful to see the children receiving specialist instruction on such an exciting project.

THE SPOTLIGHT NEXT TIME WILL BE ON IT & COMPUTING

SUPER HEROES - SUPER YOU CHILDREN'S DISCOS

When: Thursday 13 February in the school hall.
Rec, Years 1 & 2: 5 to 6pm
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 6.15 to 7.15pm

Dress code: Super hero costume or normal clothes

Buy tickets via www.scopay.com by 9am on 13 February - £4 each

Please note there will not be a cash payment desk at the entrance. If you are unable to access SCOPAY, please contact the school office team who will be happy to help you.

STUDY BUGS APP

Thank you for using the Study Bugs app to report your child's absence due to illness.

Please note this app **SHOULD NOT** be used to let us know about absence for any other reason such as medical appointments or for letting us know about unauthorised holidays etc. Please call the school office on 01784452972 instead.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020

This year's theme is: Together for a better internet.

A better internet starts with you.

Find out more at
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>

☆☆ Amazing attendance ☆☆

Congratulations to:

Year 5 Kingfishers with 99.2 % attendance for week ending 17 January

And extra huge congratulations to:

Year 1 squirrels with 100 % attendance for week ending 24 January - amazing!

Attendance Bee says to get the best out of school you need to:

BEE HERE



BEE PUNCTUAL



BEE PREPARED

HELP US STOP THE SPREAD OF FLU & VOMITING BUGS

There are a lot of sickness & diarrhoea, & cold/flu viruses going around at the moment.

Please remind your children to wash their hands after using the toilet, and when blowing their nose to throw the tissue away afterwards.

Catch it.
Bin it.
Kill it.

NHS

HELP US
HELP YOU

Stop the spread of flu germs.
Use a tissue and wash your hands thoroughly.

LOVE READING!



My favourite books as a child were The Famous Five series by Enid Blyton. I loved these books as they were about friendships and adventures. I always wanted to go on adventures like them.
Mrs Clancy - Admin Support

Term dates and Events

Spring Term 2020	Mon 6 January to Friday 3 April Half term: Mon 17 to Fri 21 February
Superhero discos & Parent workshop - Reading & Phonics	Thurs 13 February Rec, Years 1 & 2: 5 to 6pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 6.15 to 7.15pm
Book Week Dress up as favourite book character on:	Mon 2- Fri 6 March Thurs 5 March
Summer Term 2020	Mon 20 April to Tues 21 July Fri 8 May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed that day Half term: Mon 25 May to Friday 29 May INSET day 22 July 2020
Autumn Term 2020	INSET day Tues 1 September Wed 2 September to Thurs 17 December INSET day Fri 23 October Half term Mon 26 - Fri 30 October INSET day Fri 18 December
Other INSET days for 2020-2021	Mon 4 January 2021 Wed 21 July 2021

Class Assemblies at 9am

Spring Term 2020		
Year Group	Topic	Date
1 Rabbits	Teamwork	Thurs 6 February
1 Squirrels	Be yourself	Thurs 12 March
5 Kingfishers	Be yourself	Thurs 19 March

Fab Finish celebrations

Year Group	Date & time
Years 1 - 6	Fri 14 February 2.15pm
Reception classes celebrating 100 days at school	Fri 6 March 9am
All classes	Fri 15 May 2.15pm

Assemblies are held in the school hall and Fab Finish celebrations are held in your child's classroom. Family and friends are invited to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like to get in touch with us; all our contact details are on the front page of this newsletter.