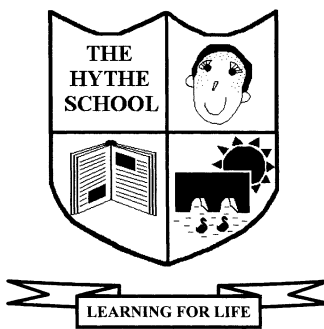


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- PTA 50p Book sale
- Ocean Awareness Week
- PTA Easter Raffle
- Easter Bonnet parade

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

Runnymede BC are offering parents a free online safety talk at The Hythe Centre on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 09:30am. Sign up at the link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/egham-runnymede-council-online-safety-talk-for-parents-registration-91119746615>

Headteacher's News

I want to thank the staff, including Mrs Bharath, Mrs Watts and Mr Spark, who put together the fantastic Book Week opening display in the hall. I think you will agree that there are some very creative people on The Hythe team. I hope you enjoyed taking photos of your child with the submarine and the shark as you arrived on Monday. It was extremely popular and I have received some lovely feedback from parents. I know that some of you were not able to take photos on the day so you are welcome to bring your children in to the hall on Friday after school to snap 'Under the Sea' selfies then.

I have a couple of pieces of exciting news to share with you. The first is that the PTA are donating £100 to each class to buy new books for their reading corners. The orders have been placed and we are looking forward to receiving them very soon. There is something wonderful about reading a brand new book!

The second piece of exciting news is that, at a recent Governing Body strategy meeting about long term projects, initial approval has been granted for The Hythe to become a Forest School. We will be working with expert contractors to develop areas of the school field to create wildlife habitats, shelter areas, mud & leaf kitchen and accessible work benches so that all our children are able to benefit. They will

also help us to develop a Forest School Programme across the curriculum that will allow us to enhance and broaden the education of the children by close association with a diversity of local wildlife.

The children will be involved in caring for wildlife habitats and will develop respect for wild creatures and plants. They will gain enjoyment from access to an enriched natural area on the school site.

There will be space with variety and interest for children to help stimulate natural outdoor play, encourage physical challenges and to develop a deeper experiential understanding of a range of curriculum subjects.

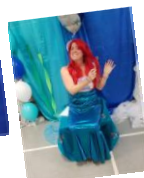
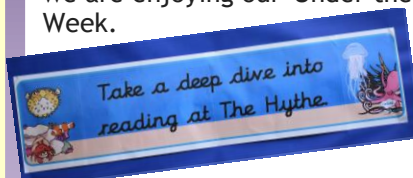
We know that they will find enjoyment in developing play with simple readily available materials as well as learning to care for themselves when out in the elements.

I will let you know more as work begins on setting up this wonderful new asset to our school.

Mrs A Peart

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CURRICULUM - READING

At The Hythe we love reading and take lots of opportunities to read throughout the day. This may be as part of a guided reading session, individually to adults in the class or as part of our learning across the different curriculum areas. In Early Years and Key Stage 1, our reading is closely linked to the learning we are doing in Phonics, and children may bring home phonics reading books too. Many of our classes benefit from visits by our lovely Book Buddy volunteers who also read with the children. This week we are enjoying our 'Under the Sea' themed books we are studying as part of Book Week.



Book
Week
Fancy
dress
winners



We do a lot in school, but never underestimate the power of reading at home: *"When you read with your child, you show them that reading is important, but you also show them they're important - that they are so important to you that you will spend 20 minutes a day with your arm around them."* — Laura Bush

THE SPOTLIGHT NEXT TIME WILL BE ON SCIENCE

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS

The Hythe girls' football team worked really hard together in very cold weather at Royal Holloway University's interschool mini soccer tournament last week alongside 14 other schools. Four members of the team had never played in a match before. Of the four matches they drew two and lost two. Mr Roots is very proud of their performance at the tournament as are all of us!



LOVE READING!



One of my favourite books as a child was *The Silver Sword* by Ian Serraillier, set in WW2. One of the characters set up a school for orphan children in Poland. This story made me want to be a teacher. **Mrs Peart - Headteacher**

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 HELPLINE FOR STAFF, PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Helpline no: 0800 046 8687

Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Open: 8am to 6pm - Monday to Friday

If you have any direct medical concerns, contact NHS on 111

More info can be found on NHS website :

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Also, very important to wash your hands often and use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes.

We will be asking all visitors to school to wash their hands both on arrival and before leaving.



☆☆ Amazing attendance ☆☆

Congratulations to:

Reception Ladybirds & Year 1 Rabbits with 98.6 % attendance for week ending 28 February

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

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Term dates and Events

Spring Term 2020 Second half	Mon 24 February to Friday 3 April
PTA 50p Book Sale	Fri 6 March - 3pm in Canteen
Photo opportunities for shark & submarine selfies	Fri 6 March - 3.25pm in the hall
PTA Easter Raffle	Fri 3 April - tickets £1 each via SCOPAY
Easter Bonnet parade	Fri 3 April
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 Squirrels	Be yourself	Thurs 12 March
5 Kingfishers	Be yourself	Thurs 19 March

Fab Finish celebrations

Year Group	Date & time
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.