



HYTHE BAY
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Good Afternoon



You will all be delighted to hear that Owain East was appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher this week. The interview process was rigorous and Owain was terrific, I am confident that the new leadership of Hythe Bay will take the school from strength to strength from September.

Its half term again, so another much deserved week off for everyone – let us hope we see some sunshine.

Hythe Bay's Got Talent took place on Wednesday this week and a wonderful time was had by everyone who took part and the audience really enjoyed it too. The great thing about this celebration of talent is that everyone is a winner.

If you know of a child who is due to start school in September and you have not received a school offer, please come and chat to Sue in the office.

There was a meeting in school yesterday for Y5 parents to explain the process for transition to secondary school and also to tell parents about the opportunity for children to attend the Y6 residential in October next year. Mr East has emailed all the information he shared out to Y5 parents for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

The Dover Grammar Schools Test will take place on Saturday 14th September. There is a meeting for parents that will be held at Dover Grammar school for Boys at 5pm on 26th June. Dover Girls Grammar School has also planned an open evening on Tuesday 11th June from 6pm until 8pm. Parents can also tour the school and see classes in action on Wednesday and Thursday 12th and 13th June – you will need to call the school to book an appointment to be included in these tours.

Sports clubs change again after the holiday. All fees must be paid up by the end of term 5. You will need to register your children for new clubs ready for the beginning of term 6. Details of next terms clubs have now been sent out. If you have any queries, chat to Sue Milton at Reception.

The school currently has over £500 of unpaid dinner money debt, this is a huge amount of money that will have to be paid from the school budget to the school meals contractor if bills are not settled. If we are paying these debts we are not buying resources for children to use in school. Remember you may be entitled to free school meals if you are on certain benefits – this also entitles you to holiday meal vouchers which you can use in local supermarkets. In fact £10 vouchers for this holiday are available to claim now if you are eligible. All children in YR – Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals. Chat with Sue in the office if you are uncertain about what you are entitled to receive. If you still owe money to the school, please do all you can to pay your debt as soon as possible or come and chat to me if you feel it may cause financial difficulty.

I have had a complaint from a neighbour who lives in St Leonard’s Road about the speed that parents are driving on their way to school. There are lots of older children walking unaccompanied to school at that time and we all know that children can be unpredictable on the roads when they are first venturing out alone. Please be considerate and remember the speed limit on that particular road is only 20mph.

Have a good weekend

Carolyn Chivers
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary	
Yellow highlights – change of information /date	
2023-24	
3 rd June	First day of term 6 for pupils
3 rd June – 5 th July	Application for Shepway Grammar Test available online
3 rd June – 1 st July	Registration for the Kent Test opens – forms available online
12 th June	Y5 Church Day
11 th June	Dover Girls Grammar Open Evening 6pm – 8pm
12 and 13 th June	Dover Girls Grammar tours for Y5 - please book with the school
10 th June	Friends Father’s Day Shop
10 th to 14 th June	Y1/Y2 phonics Check
19 th June	Y1/2 visit to Dungeness on the Light Railway
26 th June	Sports Day
26 th June	Dover Grammar School for Boys Test Information Event for Y5 at 5pm
27 th June	Alternative Sports Day in case of rain!

28 th June	Mrs Apps / Mrs Hughes class worship
5 th July	Mrs Whitham Class worship
5 th July	Friends Summer Party
9 th and 10 th July	Y6 Production
12 th July	End of Year Reports to parents
12 th July	YR class worship
14 th July	Friends Boot Fair on the Green
15 th July	Open Afternoon
	YR Graduation
16 th July	Slip through day – meet your new teacher
19 th July	Leavers Service – 10am St Leonards
19 th July	Last day of term 6 for pupils
22 nd July	Staff non-contact day
23 rd July	Staff non-contact day
2024-25	
2 nd September – 31 st October	Y6 parents need to make secondary school applications
2 nd September	Staff non-contact day
3 rd September	Staff non-contact day
4 th September	First day of term 1 for pupils
12 th September	Kent Test for Y6 children who have registered
14 th September	Shepway Grammar School Test
14 th September	Dover Grammar School Test
17 th October	Results for Kent Test sent to parents
25 th October	Last day of term 1 for pupils
4 th November	First day of term 2 for pupils
20 th December	Last day of term 2 for pupils
6 th January	First day of term 3 for pupils
13 th February	Last day of term 3 for pupils
24 th February	First day of term 4 for pupils
4 th April	Last day of term 4 for pupils
22 nd April	Staff non-contact day
23 rd April	First day of term 5 for pupils
5 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
23 rd May	Last day of term 5 for pupils
2 nd June	First day of term 6 for pupils
18 th July	Last day of term 6 for pupils
21 st July	Staff non-contact day
22 nd July	Staff non-contact day

Anchored by God, we strive to teach children to be confident, connected, and creative through outstanding teaching and care. We show our love, tolerance, forgiveness, and compassion, not just by talking about them but living them each day of our lives.