

Hythe Bay Children's Centre Nursery

Term 1 Newsletter 2022/2023



What we have been doing

In term 1, we have welcomed new babies, children and families to our nursery with home visits, parent stay and play sessions and settling sessions. We have focused on getting to know each child well as part of our term 1 curriculum topic 'all about me', before then learning about families and communities. Children have engaged in exciting activities like self portraits, creating family trees, sorting animals into families, making maps and going for walks around our local community. We also participated in the Harvest Festival and World Mental Health Day.

What we will do next

Please ensure your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves for outside play. In term 2 we will be exploring light and darkness, fireworks, space, autumn and festivities. Please let a staff team member know as soon as possible if you have specific Christmas / festivity celebration preferences. We will invite some of our oldest children to go on a trip to choose our Christmas trees (spaces limited to number of seats in the minibus and availability of the minibus and orchard). We will have Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 8th December to raise money for children's charities.

Nursery children's Autumn term assessments will be shared on ParentZone around 9th December. We will then have Christmas activity days the following week, during which time parents can discuss assessments and general queries with the staff team. Plans and timings will be confirmed by room leaders nearer the time:

Monday 12th December—Garden room (babies) Christmas workshop.

Tuesday 13th December—Whole nursery visit from Father Christmas TBC from 2:15pm. Children who aren't booked in on this afternoon can attend supervised by their parents 2:40–3pm. An alternative plan is for a Christmas party if Father Christmas is unable to visit us on this day.

Wednesday 14th December—Sea room and Safari room Christmas concert and refreshments.

Thursday 15th December—Farm room Christmas workshop.

If you would like a ten minute timeslot for a parents meeting, please communicate this with your room leader in advance so they have time to arrange it with you for a mutually convenient time.

Staff News

Radka, Shane, Vicki, Ashleigh and Mollie have completed their Paediatric First Aid training courses. Mollie has joined the Sea room team. Lily, Connie, Chloe, Rachel and Marian have joined our cover staff team. All staff members have refreshed their safeguarding, prevent duty, intolerances and allergies, and GDPR training. We also refreshed our safety at work knowledge including manual handling, fire safety, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH), risk assessments and food safety and hygiene. All nursery policies have been read by the staff team and the trustees continue to review policies on an annual schedule.

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Autumn break for TTO children

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th

December

Term 2

29th and 30th November TBC

Christmas tree trips for oldest children

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December

Christmas lunch for children booked in

w/c 12th December

Christmas events—see left for information.

Monday 19th December – Wed 4th

January

Festive break for TTO children

Friday 23rd December

Nursery Closed – Staff Development Day

Monday 26th December – Wed 4th

January

Nursery Closed – Festive break

Wednesday 4th January

Nursery Closed – Staff Development Day

Thursday 5th January – Friday 10th

February

Term 3

Parent declaration forms need to be completed and signed by parents of children in receipt of funded hours at the start of terms 1, 3 and 5 each year.

Parents using the extended funding (up to 30 hours) are responsible for confirming their eligibility and reconfirming every three months.

Further nursery term dates are available on the nursery website!

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ParentZone

Partnership in your Pocket

Let us know if you're not yet able to access your child's learning journal online!

All we need is an email address.

Contact Info

Admin email: nursery@hythebay.kent.sch.uk

Phone: 01303 267802

Term Time Only / Out of School Club Phone: 01303 260548

Website: www.hythebaynursery.co.uk



To keep your 30 hours free childcare place **you** need to check your details are up to date every 3 months. Go to gov.uk/childcareaccount

Childcare
Choices

 HM Government

Hythe Bay Designated Safeguarding Leads



Vicki
Nursery Manager



Carolyn
Chair Trustee



Radka
Nursery Deputy Manager

Rebecca
Nursery Trustee

Other Safeguarding Contacts

Local Authority Designated Officers

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NSPCC :

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The South Kent Education Safeguarding Team:

Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent, TN24

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03000 41 56 48

Upcoming Charity / Celebration Events for Our Nursery

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Please check our Facebook page or website for updates.

Amazon Smile When you shop using smile.amazon.co.uk and choose **Hythe Bay Children's Centre**, amazon will donate to our charity.

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