

Hythe Bay Children's Centre Nursery

Term 1 Newsletter 2023/2024



What we have been doing

In term 1, we have welcomed new babies, children, families and colleagues 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, space, fireworks, autumn and festivities. Please let a staff team member know as soon as possible if you have specific Christmas / festivity celebration preferences. Children's Autumn term assessments will be shared on ParentZone around 8th 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. 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. We will raise money for Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December.

Staff news

Lynn, Rachael and Ashleigh have joined our staff team. Marsha, Rachel, Diana, Fiona and Nicky have completed baby room training. Sharon, Becky, Lynn and Ashleigh have completed Paediatric First Aid training courses. Danielle has completed early years designated safeguarding lead training. All staff members have refreshed 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. Our nursery manager Vicki, will be starting maternity leave during term 2. Radka will become acting nursery manager, nursery teacher and designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and Danielle will become acting deputy manager and deputy DSL.

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Please follow us online to stay updated! Posts are visible on [our website](#) too.

Dates for your diary

Dates are available on the [nursery website](#).

Funding reminder

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 [online](#).

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Contact Info

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Log in to ParentZone



Let us know if you're not yet able to access your child's learning journal online! We just need an email address.

Hythe Bay Designated Safeguarding Leads



Carolyn
Chair Trustee



Vicki
Manager

Danielle
Room Leader

Rebecca
Trustee



Radka
Deputy Manager

Other Safeguarding Contacts

Local Authority Designated Officers

03000 410888

GCSXsafeguardingunit@kent.gcsx.gov.uk

kentchildrenslado@kent.gov.uk

NSPCC:

help@nspcc.org.uk

0808 800 5000

The South Kent Education Safeguarding Team:

Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8XU

03000 41 56 48



Childcare
Choices

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

HM Government

Global Goals for Sustainable Development



Closed Facebook Group:
[Hythe Bay Children's Centre Nursery Parents and Staff](#)

Public Facebook Page:
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Hythe Bay Children's Centre Nursery
Opening Dates, Term Dates for Term-Time-Only (TTO) children and dates of events
Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn 2023 - Terms 1 and 2

Friday 1st September - Nursery Closed - Staff Development Day
Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October - Term 1
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Autumn break for TTO children
Monday 30th October - Friday 15th December - Term 2
w/c 11th December - tbc by room leaders - Christmas events
Monday 18th December - Wednesday 3rd January - Festive break for TTO children
Monday 25th December - Wednesday 3rd January - Nursery Closed - Festive break

Spring 2024 - Terms 3 and 4

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January - Nursery Closed - Staff Development Days
Thursday 4th January - Friday 9th February - Term 3
Monday 15th - Friday 19th January - colourful fundraising and well-being week
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Winter break for TTO children
Monday 19th February - Wednesday 27th March - Term 4
Wednesday 27th March - Walk-through Wednesday - appointments only
Thursday 28th March - Friday 12th April - Early Spring break for TTO children
Thursday 28th March - Nursery Closed - Staff Development Day
Friday 29th March - Nursery Closed - Good Friday
Monday 1st April - Nursery Closed - Easter Monday

Summer 2024 - Terms 5 and 6

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May - Term 5
Monday 6th May - Nursery Closed - Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May - Nursery Closed - Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Late Spring break for TTO children
Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July - Term 6
Saturday 29th June - Summer Open Morning 10am-12pm
w/c 8th July - Parent meetings - appointments only
Monday 22nd July - nursery leavers' event for children going to school in September
Tuesday 23rd July - Nursery Closed - staff development day
Tuesday 23rd July - Wednesday 31st August - Summer break for TTO children
Wednesday 21st August - Replacement day for Monday funding. No Wednesday funding.
Thursday 22nd August - Replacement day for Monday funding. No Thursday funding.
Friday 23rd August - No Friday funding.
Monday 26th - Friday 30th August - Nursery Closed - Summer Closure

Provisional Autumn 2024 TBC

Monday 2nd September - Nursery closed - staff development day