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13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,



It has been a positive and productive start to the term and the new 2020 year has given the children a chance to think about new goals, new positive habits and to build upon everything that went well last year. The children have new topic areas this term with a focus on 'Lands long ago' for the Foundation Stage, 'Castle Life' in Year One and 'The Fire of London' in Year Two. I have already seen some of the 'home learning' projects that are being celebrated and used in the classrooms and it is obvious that the children, with help from adults at home, have engaged with the learning and also had the opportunity to follow their learning styles/interests too.

We have some new children who have joined us in Oak, Ash, Holly and Sycamore classes and we welcome them to our lovely school and the friendly Hyde Park community.

#### Big Garden Bird Watch

At school we will be taking part in the RSPBs Big Garden Bird Watch. If you would like to take part as a family at home, free resources are available at [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk). There is still time to send off for the resources so that you can take part on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Wallpaper request

Half or full rolls of wallpaper are required for dinosaur projects in the Foundation classes. Please bring in unwanted wallpaper rolls to Cedar, Ash or Oak classrooms.

#### Clothing and footwear

At this time of year, please ensure that your child has a named waterproof coat that also has a warm inner lining or separate fleece style coat. In preparation for colder weather, please ensure that hats and gloves are also named. Shoes need to be sturdy school shoes and not boots or ankle boots and of a style that your child can do up for themselves.

#### Bag 2 School

Thank you to the PTFA who are again organising this event whereby money can be raised for school funds from your unwanted clothing items (see list on PTFA sheet that has a list of what is and what is not wanted) The drop off window is small and items are requested just before 9am



on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to be placed on the play theatre stage or in the basement hall if it is wet.

An empty Bag will be sent home for your convenience in your child's book bag tomorrow.

Advance notice for parents' evenings

Parents' evenings are planned for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 3.00-5.50 with a ten minute appointment time. Appointment booking times will be sent out on Friday of next week.

Head Teacher's Challenge

My challenge for this week and next is to create a puppet which can be simple based on a paper bag, made out of recycled materials, fabric or even have strings and moving parts! I am hoping that this project will be an opportunity for your child and yourself to collaborate and benefit from all the discussion, negotiation and pleasure that such a challenge will involve. Part two of the challenge will be to create a puppet dialogue or for the puppet to 'recite a poem'. I will be happy to receive an e-mailed photo of the puppet and will look forward to being 'the audience' when your child is at the performing stage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.A. Hill" with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mrs E A Hill  
Head Teacher



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Are you planning a clothing and shoe clearout? If so, perhaps you can help us raise funds for our schools?

Please consider donating your unwanted items to our 'Bag2School' scheme.

'Bag 2 School' is a company that

specialises in collecting good quality second hand clothing for re-use.

By donating items in the bag provided (extra black bin bags can also be used) we will receive £400 per tonne!

A collection has been arranged for

**Wednesday 22nd January at 9.00am**

Please bring your bag(s) to the  
**Infant School Playground**  
(or **Basement** if wet) before 9am

Thank you very much for helping to raise funds for our schools!

**We DO accept these 'good quality' items for RE-USE:**

- Men's, Ladies' & Children's clothing • Scarves • Ties • Bags • Belts
- Handbags • Jewellery • Lingerie • Socks • Soft Toys
- Paired Shoes (*tied together/with elastic band*)
- Household Linen • Curtains • Towels
- Bedding (*sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers*)

**We DO NOT accept:**

- School uniforms with and without logo
- Duvets • Blankets • Pillows • Cushions
- Carpets
- Rugs, mats (*incl. bath, shower and toilet mats*)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



See more at [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)