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Dear Parents,

It has been a day of and with £313 raised for Children in Need. The children have enjoyed a spotty and stripey day with Pudsey events taking place as well as stories shared about kind deeds that Pudsey gets involved in. The BBC have been filming in school and there may be some footage on TV. Under our safeguarding procedures, no children will appear whose parents have not given them permission to do so.

Safeguarding in School

Children in school are very familiar with adults in their classrooms as well as any member of staff who will listen to them if they have a safeguarding message which in a child's language might be that they don't feel safe or are worried about a situation at home or at school. This message is a reminder that there is a safeguarding route for parents to follow too if you have a concern. The NSPCC information is attached for parents and family members to use and is a free service. In School I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mrs Razey is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) and we are supported by Mr Greenfield, Chair of Governors. Please approach any of us if you have a safeguarding concern relating to school, the children, the parents, the staff or the governors. The children's safety and wellbeing is of the highest priority so please step forward if you have any relevant information, no matter how small. I have already had 12 confidential conversations with parents this term and therefore suspect that there may be more information out there that needs to be shared.

Christmas performance letter and ticket requests

These have now been sent out in paper format. Please ensure that the absent parent is aware of the ticket request document and that only when the absent parent does not require a ticket, will a ticket be issued to the new partner. If you are an absent parent and need to book a ticket, please do so by e-mailing the school or ringing Mrs Rhodes or Mrs Matthews in the office.

Christmas Fayre

You will have received an electronic message about the Christmas Fayre last week and I would encourage you to have another look at it so that you can be generous in supporting the event with your donations. Wednesday and Thursday of next week will be mufti days to help you remember the requests. Wednesday is the chocolate and bottle donation day and Thursday is preloved toys and games and any Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed or are too small. Friday (when normal school uniform is worn) is cake donation day.









When sending your child in mufti on Wednesday and Thursday, please send them in home clothes and not party or fancy dress clothes. Do not send in children in onesies or all in one suits as children find it difficult to access the toilet!

Helpers are needed from 1 until 6pm. Please contact the PTFA to volunteer on hydeparkptfa@gmail.com

It has been lovely to see the Christmas trees arriving in school and I have been taking them to the Oxfam shop for Kay to display there. Please keep sending them in.

Head Teacher Challenge

I have another **recycling project** for the children to get involved in and I will release further details in future e-mails. However, in the meantime, I would like the children to cut out carefully measured squares (10cm x 10cm) from fabric, paper, plastic, metal foil or any kind of material that is flexible and colourful. I would like the children to carefully cut out (with adult help if needed) an assortment of 10 squares. Please name an envelope for the squares to go into and do not name the squares. I will have a sticker for children who present me with 10 carefully cut squares in a named envelope.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E A Hill

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher

Being a parent isn't always easy.



If you're struggling, the NSPCC can help. Friendly advice and support is just a phone call away. Call 0808 800 5000, text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk. We're here 24/7.

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Where to go for help

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child or young person who lives in Plymouth, please contact the Gateway: gateway@plymouth.gcsx.gov.uk or tel: 01752 668000.

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 or text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk
Or visit the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/neglect

For children and young people

Childline 0800 1111 or visit www.childline.org.uk