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Dear Parents,

The book hive in the playground is proving very popular with the children and I would like to thank many of our confident readers for taking children 'under their wing' and reading them stories or sharing facts from information books. I am pleased to say that Kay from our local Oxfam shop is donating 20 nearly new books (of my choosing) each half term for the children to enjoy. This time I have chosen information books about space, dinosaurs and the world around us as well as many traditional and modern tales and stories.

PTA Success

The PTA for the Hyde Park Schools has been revived due to the enthusiasm of new parents putting themselves forward to help out and the encouragement and support of the current committee who have offered their support in this changeover period.

Good news! We will be able to run the popular Christmas Fayre which will happen straight after school on 22nd November. The PTA will soon be issuing letters to gain your support to make this event a success and one not to be missed.

School behaviour and language

We continue to promote and acknowledge polite and positive behaviours in school using our **Kind hand, kind feet, kind words and kind actions** golden rules. It has come to light that a small number of children have been using rude/offensive words which are never acceptable in school and unfortunately are heard as a result of language used at home or heard on media with age ratings that are not suitable for our young children. Please be vigilant so that all our children are only exposed to the range of beautiful language that is at our disposal.

Congestion in the playground

Please refrain from stopping on the yellow hashed area outside Poplar/Willow class and near the steps leading to the pavement/road. Please also, before using this exit, wait until the children in Poplar and Willow class have entered their classrooms before exiting the playground yourself. Junior pupils who have no Infant sibling will be asked to refrain from using this exit point in an effort to reduce pedestrian traffic.



Winter sickness/coughs and colds and head lice

Please do not send your child to school if they have been sick or are suffering badly from a severe cold. If well enough to come to school, please send your child in with minor coughs, colds and runny noses but please provide them with tissues that can be used and then disposed of so that germs are not spread. Staff will always contact you if your child's illness occurs or deteriorates at school so please do not promise your child that they can be collected from school if they feel unwell as some children may use this as an opportunity to have a day off when it is not necessary. Half term is always a good opportunity to check you child's hair for head lice and if found, to treat appropriately. Thank you

Poppies

Royal British Legion poppies will be available in the office on the Monday we return to school. Please be as generous as you feel able when 'purchasing' a poppy.

Safety notice – decking

When wet or damp, the theatre decking in the playground poses a slip hazard. Please remind your child to keep off the decking before and after school until we experience some dry weather.

School dinner menu

The new menus have been sent out in paper format this week

Parents' evening request letters

These were sent out on 16th October and I ask that you return your request slips as soon as possible. If you are a parent who did not receive a paper copy, please e-mail into school to request a time slot to see your child's teacher on the afternoon of either 5th or 6th November.

Water Bottles

Please only fill your child's bottle with water unless you have a medical reason for your child requiring a different drink. I am happy to talk to any parent whose child has medical issues so that we can accommodate their needs to the full.

Uniform

We have a large number of unnamed jumpers in school, particularly in Holly Class. Please can you ensure all items of uniform are named so that they can be reunited with the correct child.

I wish you all a very happy half term and hope that you get a chance to get out and about when the weather permits. If indoors, please remember to make good use of the Move and Play home PE programme that every child has been provided with (book of instructions and bag of resources) We return to school on Monday 28th October

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E A Hill
Head Teacher