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Dear Parents,

It has fallen to me to write the newsletter this week, as unfortunately Mrs Hill has been ill, suffering from labyrinthitis. She hopes to be back with us early next week.

The Cabin of Creativity

All of the Early Years children have been able to visit the cabin area this week for the first time. They were able to explore the area around the cabin all dressed up in their new waterproof suits, using ropes and tarpaulins to make dens and having an outdoors story time. They are all looking forward to their next visit and what they are going to be doing next.



Christmas Nativity

With only 89 'sleeps' until Christmas Day, our thoughts have inevitably turned to the Christmas Nativity. We would like to give you plenty of advanced notice of the dates and tell you about our new format. Each year group will be producing their own Christmas performance, with the format left to each year group to decide. There will a day allocated for each year group to perform, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. The proposed dates are as follows:

Early Years - Friday 13th December

Year 2 - Monday 16th December

Year 1- Tuesday 17th December

Time to Read Scheme

All Early Years children across the city this week have been part of the Time to Read Scheme. They have been given a free book called 'The Cave' to share at home. They have also been issued with a library card which they can activate at any library in Plymouth. Use of the libraries and their reading challenges is another way that parents can support us with the teaching of reading in school, by helping children develop a love of books and reading.

Linked to this, all year groups ran parent information sessions this week, explaining the expectations in learning for each year group and talking about how parents can support this learning at home. All staff stressed the importance of reading together and sharing books regularly at home, for a short time every day if possible. There will be other opportunities for promoting reading throughout the year. If you were unable to attend the year 1 and year 2 information sessions leaflets explaining ways to support your child's learning at home should have been placed into all book bags. Please let your child's teacher know if you haven't received your copies.

School Photographs

Yesterday, your child will have come home with a proof of their photograph/photographs. If you would like to place an order, the office will need to receive them by 3.15pm on Friday 4th October. After this date, individuals will need to place their own orders directly with the photographer and additional postage costs will be charged by the company.

I hope you all have a restful weekend, and let's hope that the weather forecast is not as bad as currently predicted.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Razey
Deputy Head Teacher