



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all the children in Year 1 and Year 2. It has been an exciting start to the term as the children have settled in to their new classes, worked with their new teachers and begun their exciting new learning journeys. This year in school we have a **Reading** focus where we aim to inspire all children to enjoy reading and to gain from the knowledge of story and facts that books can provide for us. There will be new challenges to read daily at home and extra opportunities to read in school too. In the playground you may have noticed a wooden box with a perspex door which is bee hive shaped – this will become our ‘book hive’ playground library which can be accessed at break time and lunchtime by the children. The book hive is part of an international scheme entitled ‘My Little Library’ and we are the first school in Plymouth to have a registered site. As the library grows with donated children’s books, it is hoped to widen the scope of the library by allowing free borrowing of books to take home and read and then return. I will keep you updated on this venture. I would like to decorate the book hive with children’s illustrations (not photographs) showing them reading which I can laminate and then affix to the outside of the book hive. **My Head Teacher’s challenge this week is to draw a picture (A5 or smaller) to illustrate happy reading.** I would be delighted to receive pictures on Monday with name and class on the back of the picture. How many challenge stickers will I give out on Monday?



### Library Summer Reading Challenge

The library staff report that the children are doing really well with the summer reading challenge (Space Chase) this year and are keen to award as many medals as possible to the children. The last day to receive a medal is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The Peverell library is open on that day from 10am – 1pm so there is still time!

### First Aid

**All staff** are first aid trained so that we are in the best position to care for your child when they have a minor or major medical incident. Our fully qualified professional trainer is willing to offer an Emergency First Aid course to parents on 24<sup>th</sup> September 9-3pm at a cost of £45.00. If you would like to book in for training on the school premises, please let staff in the office know so that a place can be reserved for you. No need to pay at this moment in time. It would be helpful if you could place your reservations by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, please.

### Book Bags

We have a small quantity of old stock, brand new book bags in the office which can be purchased for £4.00 until stocks are depleted. Book bags will henceforth be available online only but I suggest that you purchase a book bag with other uniform so that you don't incurr multiple delivery charges.

### Moo Music Café

One of our local cafés on Mutley Plain is offering a 15% discount for Hyde Park School families after 3pm. Food and drink is available (at a cost) and there is also a play area.

### Spare clothing

We try to keep a quantity of spare clothing in school in case of accidents and are currently short of socks and tights. Please send in anything that you have that is spare.

### Parental volunteers

We are keen to invite parents to provide voluntary help in classes. If you are able to offer a morning or an afternoon of support, please contact myself, Mrs Hill in the first instance so that we can match your skills and interests to the needs of the school. A full DBS safeguarding check will be carried out before voluntary support begins.

Have a lovely weekend and I do hope that you and your child(ren) enjoy sharing some good books!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E A Hill  
Head Teacher