



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

I have made the decision to take retirement on reaching my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the exact date of which coincides with the opening of the school on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1904. By that time, I will have had the privilege of being Head Teacher here for 20 years and I have been able to serve the community, its families and all the precious children. It will take time for the Governors and Horizon Trust Board to advertise and make preparations for the future and I wanted you to here the news from me so that, when opportunities arise, your can be part of the process and not feel alientated. I have plenty of time to work with my amazing staff team to support your children in the time being and ensure that the school is able to serve its families for years to come.

### Remote Learning

This week in school my staff have been completing extensive training so that we are in a strong position to offer remote learning (via TEAMS) should we need to move quickly into another lockdown position. Our Remote learning policy is being posted on the school website and you will shortly be allocated a log in code and TEAMS setting up instructions so that you can access information in this way.

### Questionnaire responses

Please be kind enough to complete the survey monkey questionnaire sent out by Maria Anderson, our MAT CEO so that you can voice your opinions about the school. It would be great to have more than 100 responses (which is what we normally get when we do the same questionnaire as a paper copy) Thank you

### Polar Bear Cub

For the second year running we will be hosting a replica polar bear cub which we will be decorating in festive colours and then it will be 'hidden' around Plymouth as part of a Polar Bear trail for the children to take part in. In a Covid-safe way, the children will be painting, cutting and sticking and will create a unique look to our Hyde Park bear which will have our school logo prominently displayed on its body.

### Head Teacher Challenge

How creative and inventive the children were with the 'leaf' challenge last week! A sample of their pictures and artefacts will be on our website soon. Even though I am currently trying to restrict the calories, I did sample the yummy leaf shaped biscuits.

This week the challenge is to make a written or pictorial list of all the things that you touch in a 10 minute period. This could be fun to do on a woodland walk or at home when playing games, baking or working in the garden. Please send in a named list (written or pictorial) on Monday and I will be in the playground waiting with my stickers and a smile (under my mask)



Flu vaccination

A separate letter has been emailed to you today from Virgin Care Ltd about a nasal flu vaccination at school on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please respond only to Virgin Care Ltd to book your child's vaccination as the school can have no involvement in this process. Staff will accompany your child for their vaccination in the school hall but no child can have a vaccine unless you have completed the Virgin Care online forms.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and that we get a bit more sunshine to enjoy. I am busy at home with jam making at the moment and hope to make Christmas cakes during the half term holiday. Whatever you decide to do, keep safe and I look forward to receiving the Head Teacher challenges on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.A. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mrs E A Hill  
Head Teacher