



NEWSLETTER



We are inclusive, confident and enterprising learners who are brave, curious, optimistic and kind. We are ready to embrace the future.

21st October 2021

Dear Families,

We are starting this newsletter with a message from Maria Anderson, the CEO of the MAT.

Dear Parents and Carers of Hyde Park,

You will all be aware that schools have regular Ofsted inspections. For quite a period, schools that were judged 'Outstanding' in a previous inspection have been exempt if key indicators remain good at the school. Since September this has changed, and these schools are no longer exempt - this includes the Infant School. This is the right approach to take as all schools must be treated the same with the same amount of rigour.

The Infant school had its last Ofsted inspection in 2007, which as you know was a very long time ago and to a very different inspection framework. The current inspection framework is very different and with a large focus on the Quality of Education, ensuring there is a high-quality curriculum with children exposed to learning in a range of subjects from Early Years to the end of Key Stage 2. Schools are now judged under the following areas:-

1. Quality of Education
2. Behaviour and Safety
3. Personal Development
4. Leadership and Management
5. Early Years Foundation Stage

As you are aware we have made significant changes at the school, in line with the consultation over the restructure of leadership and management last autumn term. These changes are all in their early stages but are fundamentally about bringing alignment to the two schools, based on your wishes for the school and that of the staff team. The Junior School will also be due a reinspection as it was judged Requires Improvement in the last inspection in 2018. The teams are working tirelessly to implement the changes and align the initial key areas that were mentioned in the previous communication from Mr Greenfield and myself.

School action plans have been developed to ensure that every child in both schools has the very best quality of education. Together with this the staff are committed to developing the best possible curriculum for Hyde Park, leading to achievements for pupils, while aligning practices in both schools. Thank you for your support during this time and hope that you are seeing some of the early signs of this alignment of the Hyde Park Schools. We know that Mrs Jones is eager to develop these further when she starts in January at the schools.

We hope that you have a lovely half term break with your families and see you in term 2.

Kind regards,

Maria Anderson (CEO)



Diary Dates

Half Term

25th-29th October

Children return to school

1st November



School news.....

Teacher Consultations

As communicated in the previous newsletter, we are holding teacher consultations across both schools in the two weeks after half term. All meetings will be video calls through the Teams App. The link for booking an appointment will be sent to your email. Once you have booked an appointment, your child's teacher will send you a link to the meeting. The link can be accessed directly through the Internet if you do not have a Teams account. If you do not receive either the booking link or the meeting link, please check in your email junk folder, as sometimes the messages end up there. Please also ensure that you use a device where you know how to turn on the microphone and not be on mute. If the technology fails, we will phone you instead so please make sure the school have an up to date phone number for you.

Secondary School Applications

Year 6 Parents - Please ensure that you apply online for a secondary (Year 7) school place for your child. The deadline to apply is 31 October 2021. Please find below the link to the Plymouth City Council Website with all the information you need. www.plymouth.gov.uk

Online Safety

A number of children across the school have mentioned that they are aware of the series Squid Game on Netflix. If you are not aware of the new programme it contains graphic scenes and violence that children would find disturbing. We are also aware that versions of Squid Game are available on Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite. Although children may not therefore have watched the programme, they can still be exposed to the same graphic themes via these platforms. We have included a page below which shows how to set parental controls on Netflix settings. There is also a link from www.nationalonlinesafety.com with further information about Squid Game for parents.

[‘Squid Game’ Trending across Platforms: What Parents Need to Know](#)

Plymouth Library Services

Well done to all those children who have received their certificates from Plymouth Library Services for completing the Summer Reading Challenge.



Plymouth Library Services now have a new challenge aimed at 4 to 11 year olds, all children who sign up will receive a special Findalots library card and an activity journal. Children need to read four books every month for a year. You can find more details from the library.

Infant PE sessions

With the colder weather approaching, we'd like the Infant children to start bringing in something they can wear as a winter PE kit, as we are hoping to do more outside PE. After half term, the children should bring in their normal PE kit as well as a pair of tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a jumper (blue, grey or black if possible). We are not expecting the children to bring in specific sports kits or anything with the school logo on, just something to keep them warm outside.

Argyle Community Trust

Please find the link below for the after-school club for after half term.

Please book term 2: <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/school-clubs/plymouth-asc/>

Infants start on Monday 1st November and Juniors start on Thursday 4th November, both clubs run for 6 weeks.

School Contact Details

The email address for both Infant and Junior School pupils has changed, please use the following details should you need to contact us:

Email: hydepark.office@horizonmat.com

Telephone: 01752 225493 or 01752 225314