



NEWSLETTER



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

26th November 2021

Dear Families,

The weather has turned colder, so it is with relief that we report that the boiler issue we were having has been resolved.

Sadly, we would like to remind you that the Junior Christmas celebrations at Mutley Baptist Church and the Infant Christmas celebrations will not be taking place this year as we are worried about the spread of COVID.

The infant and junior staff continue to work closer together as time passes, and this will only accelerate once Mrs Jones, our new executive headteacher, starts in January.

It has been really rewarding to see our pupils developing more of a say in the running of the school. We now have an active school council, and a team of expert sports ambassadors. Next, we will be recruiting Eco Ambassadors to help us with our green sustainability agenda – If you think this is something your child would like to do ask them to be ready to put themselves forward in the next week or two.

Throughout the year, we will be running a number of parental workshops to give you better information about what we do in school and how you can best help us to support your child. The first of these will be before Christmas and will be focussed on maths, specifically the new spine of number facts we have agreed across both schools. As soon as there is a date we will share it with you. It is likely that this event will be available through a video link. Later in the year we will have workshops on reading and internet safety, with more to be agreed. If you have any suggestions about subjects you'd like a workshop on, we would be pleased to hear them.

Regards

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Diary Dates

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th December

End of Term

17th December

Start of New Term

Thursday 6th January



Trust Survey

We attach a link to complete a survey which gives you the chance to share your views on the school with the Trust that is responsible for us.

Please take this opportunity to share your views. The survey will close on Friday 10th December.

Thank you for your time in completing this survey.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-RIHQ6HE2EWGGMVCjM4r1QRKowgP41PkN0dGAJkSspUN0FWS09BVzRYRTVQUkNZNURPRE9aWUpSSy4u>

Junior Clubs

I have been pleased with the growing take up of clubs and music lessons in school, and look forward to more and more competitive opportunities as the year passes. Should you wish your child to learn an instrument, I'd like to remind you that the school partners with Mr Dove's Music School to provide this opportunity. Any enquiries continue to be welcomed and you can make these enquiries on 07929 604170 or mrdovesmusic@gmail.com

Read Write Inc (Infants)

The new style Read Write Inc reading books have been coming home, but we are already encountering some issues with books not being returned. The Read Write Inc system relies on children being taught in groups with the same sets of books. If single books are not returned it means that the whole set cannot be used again until it is complete. Could everyone search at home to ensure that all books are returned and please try to develop the habit of keeping these books in book bags and returning them straight to the book bag after reading at home. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Snacks in the Playground

As a Healthy School, we support children with healthy eating habits on the school site by promoting eating fruit for snacks and drinking plenty of water. This policy is encouraged whether your child has school dinners or packed lunches and the fruit snacks that both infants and juniors have at breaktime.

We absolutely realise that snacks outside school hours are for you as parents to decide, but we would ask that you are also sensitive to our school policy whilst on site.

PTFA Notice

We'd love you to join us for our Christmas Trail again this year in support of raising funds through the PTFA for Hyde Park Schools!

We have some lovely parents who have offered to have their houses as part of our display, and we'll be setting up our trail of letters for you to hunt, rearrange and create a festive word/words!

Have fun seeing all of the bright lights on your way around the streets and get in to the festive spirit.

There will be 2-3 trails to take part in, you will receive them altogether and you can do them anytime between the 18th December – 1st January.

Packs will be £5, and available to buy from Monday 6th December. You can buy either from our Eventbrite link which will be available from the Monday 6th and the pack will be emailed to you, or send your £5 in to school in a named envelope (child's name and class), and we will send the printed trail pack back with your child.

Once you've completed the trail(s), email your found words in to hydeparkptfa@gmail.com by the 4th January and you will be entered in to a raffle to win a selection of fun prizes! (Names will be picked at random by a number generator).

Thanks in advance for your support.

Many thanks
PTFA

Hockey Training – Free until Christmas

We have been made aware of a free opportunity to train and play at Plymouth (Junior) Hockey Club on Sunday mornings.

The club is offering players 6 weeks training (without charge). The club has qualified coaches, a secure site, free parking and beverages available for parents. Training starts at 10am on a Sunday morning. All players that train with us can play competitively in a fun and positive environment.

Parents that have further questions should contact Rob White on 07861 250682 or committee@plymouthhockeyclub.org.uk

Lost Property

It is very easy for pupils' clothes, bags and lunch boxes to get mixed up. Please avoid this by clearly marking your child's belongings with their full names in permanent ink. We have accumulated a large amount of lost property over the past term.

With this in mind, we will be displaying the items of clothing in the quiet area of the junior playground on **Monday 29th November** after school. Please feel free to look through the lost property to locate any missing belongings for your child/ren. Any unclaimed lost property will be used as spare clothing for children or alternately be purchased for a small donation on **Friday 3rd December** from the same area. All proceeds will be collected and donated to the schools PTFA funds for the children.

Absences/Lates

We have a dedicated absence line for when your child is unwell, which is available 24 hours or you can ring the school office number preferably before 9am.

If your child arrives after 09.05 they must sign in at the school office before going to class.

If you need to inform us of a planned absence, please could you should fill in an absence request form found on the website so that the request can be approved in advance.

Juniors: http://www.hydeparkjuniorschool.co.uk/website/parental_forms/354358

Infants: <http://hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk/docs/AbsenceRequestFormMay.pdf>

This allows much more efficient procedures for you in terms of having your child ready and for us in accounting for absences to the Education Welfare Officer. Please do not just mention these things to class teachers on the gate in the mornings.

Please can we remind you of the importance of making sure your child arrives on time as lateness can be very disruptive to the class.

Christmas Events

Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 9th December (menu to follow), which is a lovely festive treat for the children, so please discuss it with them and encourage them to participate.



Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 10th December. All proceeds will go towards Save the Children. The importance of this day is raising funds for Save the Children so please do not spend money if you do not have a jumper. You can always make your own or just wear your favourite home jumper. A donation link will be sent nearer the day.