



NEWSLETTER



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

28th September 2021

Dear Families,

All the children seem to have settled down into their new routines and are working well in their new classes. Staff are also working well together across the schools looking for opportunities to extend areas of joint co-operation.

Please be aware we now have one reception office (where the old infant reception office was) and one email address to contact us on:

hydepark.office@horizonmat.com

Meetings on site

Normally at this time of year, we would be organising opportunities for parents to come into school and meet the teachers and to find out what the expectations for the children in their new year groups are. However, as the number of Covid cases in Plymouth are still above average, it has been decided as a MAT that these meetings will not take place face to face at the moment.

Consequently, we will be filming the sessions and posting them on the schools' websites for you to watch at home. We will let you know as soon as they go live, so watch this space. After you have had the opportunity to watch the films, we hope to organise a virtual meeting if you have any questions.

As soon as we are able, we will, of course, organise other opportunities for parents to come on site and meet staff personally.

If you are invited on site for an individual meeting we would be grateful if you would wear a mask whilst signing in and moving through the school.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be on site for individual photographs, on Thursday 30th in the Infant part of the school and on Friday 1st October for the Junior part of the school.

The opportunity for sibling photographs will be held back until later in the year when hopefully the Covid situation will have improved.

Diary Dates

30th September –
Photographer (infants)

1st October – Photographer
(juniors)

Year 6 residential 11th -
15th October

Friday 22nd October Non-
Pupil Day

Half Term 25th-29th
October

1st November Children
return to school



Covid 19 measures

Whilst the rules are relaxing elsewhere, we would ask that you kindly continue to observe the following whilst on the school site at pick up and drop of times for the sake of those parents, teachers and children who are still vulnerable.

- Wear a mask anywhere on the school site
- Maintain the social distancing rules
- Use the one way system by entering on Hermitage Road and leaving via the gate onto Hyde Park Road for infants. Entry via the canteen gate and exit via the Hermitage Road for Juniors.
- Leave the playground promptly when you have dropped off or collected your child/ren

Help us to keep the school a safe place for everyone and to avoid children and staff absences.

Flu Immunisations

Virgin Care will be responsible for delivering our flu immunisations this year. The date planned for this is 16th December. We have been advised by Virgin Care that consent forms will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The Secondary Admissions Department at Plymouth City Council have asked us to remind parents of year 6 pupils to submit their preference forms by the deadline of **31 October 2021**. You can register online and apply for a school place through the Citizen Portal. Please remember the password that you create as you will need this every time that you log into the portal. Once you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation of registration. When you apply for a school place, you will receive a confirmation email. Please keep this email.

For any queries or concerns please email secondary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk

Spare uniform Appeal

Could we please ask if anyone has any spare Socks/Pants that would fit our infant school children. If you do then please send them into class with your children.

Clubs

We are delighted that clubs are starting to take place again in both schools, whilst continuing to be as Covid safe as possible. We will be looking at further after school activities later, building on the ones currently taking place.

Please see the table attached in your email for the list of external clubs. Internal club list will follow.