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Dear Parents.

It has been another busy week at Hyde Park Infant School and it has been fun to watch the Y2 children in costume preparing for their end of term production. There has been a lot of fun and laughter as well as some serious learning going on in all the classes.

Bullying

The serious issue of bullying has been a focus in the Early Years Classes recently and staff have deployed a number of scenarios to help the youngest of our children understand what this means and what to do if they feel worried about this happening to them. Unfortunately, some of the scenarios that we have created (mainly through stories) have been transferred home as something 'real' that has happened and has resulted in further discussions at school to rectify the situation. I am drawing this matter to the attention of all the Early Years parents as these scenario stories have been repeated at home and parents have believed them to have happened to their child and then some unpleasant verbal accusations and conflicts have resulted in the playground about a bullying situation that has not taken place. To avoid this unfortunate situation happening again, can I please ask parents to pop into school to discuss any concern about unpleasant behaviour/bullying so that the teachers and parents can resolve these situations quickly. There is a whole policy on bullying on the school website if you are interested in how we work with parents to deal with any real situations. Thank you for reading this part of the letter and I now hope that parent relationships in the playground can go back to being friendly and supportive.

Summer Reading Challenge

The exciting summer reading challenge starts in the local libraries this Saturday. It is free to join the library if you have not already done so. Your child will be coming home with a Summer Reading Challenge card which contains some details but for more information about how the scheme works and the prizes on offer, please look at our website.

Ed's summer food tour

CaterEd will be providing free packed lunches on various days throughout August and in various locations. Look on our website to see where you can get these healthy meals. The first is in the Central Park Play Park by the clock on Tuesday 1st August.

Free fruit

Free fruit is made available to every child in the Infant School but we rely on parent volunteers to distribute it each morning. Please volunteer your help next term so that we can establish a rota of parents who can support us. Please call in at the office, e-mail or ring to offer your support. Thank you.









<u>Family Film Nights on the Big Screen – The Piazza, Plymouth City Centre</u>
The first is on 27th July at 11am, 1pm and 3pm and entitled SING and features a Koala named Buster Moon who wants to sing.

All the details will be posted on the school website.

I do hope that you have a lovely weekend. Please look out for those missing library and school books that need to be returned to school.

Yours sincerely,