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Dear Parents,



It is with great pleasure that I welcome Y1 and Y2 children back to school and embrace our new entrants to Cedar, Ash and Oak and well as some new children to our Y1 and Y2 classes. We are at capacity with 270 pupils on roll and a great many disappointed parents who were unable to secure a place for their child in our Early Years classes.

In my summer newsletter I asked the children to say hello if they spotted me in Plymouth and bonjour if I was spotted in France. I am pleased to say that both hello and bonjour was spoken with the French spotting occurring in Concarneau. Please do encourage the children to say hello outside of school hours as I can sometimes be found on my bike on a cycle path, out visiting places of interest locally, shopping and oops, the secret is out, having tea and cake!

Promptness and attendance

We expect every child to attend school every day and to be prompt in arriving in the playground so that they come into school when the bell rings (8.55 for Y1 and Y2 and 9.00 for children in the Early Years classes) If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please inform school by e-mail or telephone call. I am unable to authorise any holidays in school session times so please ensure that all holidays are booked in holiday time. The school diary is on the website.

Your child will be the most successful that they can be by attending every day and on time – there is lots of evidence to prove this so please make every effort to give this ‘gift’ to your child.



Department for Education data

At school we are required to send information to the Department for Education relating to your child's country of birth. We currently do not hold this information at school and are asking for your help in completing this data return. If your child was not born in the United Kingdom, please inform the office by e-mail, letter or telephone call stating your child's name and country of birth. This information would be gratefully received on Monday 19th. Staff may also approach you to confirm country of birth information. I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

New children and uniform

Please ensure that all clothing is named as we have already found over £100 of clothing that we cannot return to its rightful owner.

Book bags and carried separately, the water bottles, need to be brought to school every day please. Some of the water bottles have a faulty top and leak so please bring them back to the office for a free replacement.

Holiday Scrapbooks

I have a growing pile of amazing scrapbooks that children have compiled over the holiday and am really enjoying reading through them. Over the next few weeks I will spend time with every child looking at the scrapbook and awarding their certificate and sticker. Please send in any scrapbooks that you may still have at home for me to see.

Mrs Razey's absence

Mrs Razey is booked in for a knee operation and will be away from school for up to eight weeks. Miss Skelley will be teaching the class full time for the whole of that period. As Mrs Razey's knee improves, she will hopefully be spotted out and about as she has a great many exercises to perform although she is not allowed to drive. I will be taking on Mrs Razey's SENCO appointments and responsibilities during her absence.

Petits Mousquetaires

There are places available for Y1 or Y2 children to try out this exciting sport of fencing using special rubber swords, fencing jackets and masks. The sport is fun, healthy and develops co-ordination and balance as an opportunity to learn the etiquette of the sport. Please contact Pete on 07917386042 if you would like your child to join the group on a Monday after school.

Plymouth Art Weekender 23-25 September

Children's University is working with Peninsula Arts in collaboration with many different art companies. This is a validated event please visit the website <http://plymouthartweekender.com> for more information.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher