



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,



‘Our Beautiful World’ has been our theme for assemblies this week and we have had fun exploring our school and local environment to spot signs of new growth and flora and fauna in and around Plymouth. We sing a range of traditional British songs and hymns across the year and today we explored the song ‘Who put the colours in the rainbow?’ by looking at a range of pictures including long-necked giraffes, camels with humps, the sparkle in stars, dancing honey bees, flowing rivers and streams and monkey’s with tails. The singing resulting from the assembly was very tuneful and fun for all the children and staff involved.

### September 2017 pupils

The Local Authority has allocated all 90 places to children due to start school in 2017. Please collect your enrolment documentation from the school office, complete it and then return it to school at your earliest convenience. The induction evening for all ‘new’ parents is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and I do hope that ‘existing’ parents will come along to meet their child’s teacher and hear about all the new things that are happening in the school.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May Star Wars themed school dinner

With a theme of ‘May the Fork be with you’, there will be a Ham Solo Roast or a BB8 Vegetable Crumble with a Wookiee Cookie for dessert. Maybe some children who bring a packed lunch would like to try a school dinner on this day. Remember that all school meals in the infant school are free for the children.



### Earrings and safety

Please do not send your child to school with earrings. Children's ear lobes are susceptible to being torn in the playground, in the classroom and particularly during PE lessons. If you choose to have your child's ears pierced during school sessions, they may need to be kept in place for a few weeks and in which case they need to be covered with a plaster every day at home before your child arrives in school.

Therefore, any child with earrings MUST have them covered by a plaster.

### School garden plant request

We are looking for a range of flowering plants to put in our school garden and some trailing flowering plants that we can plant in the collection of 'wellies' tied to our school railings. If you have spare plants at home or can offer some 'extra' plants that you have purchased, please bring them to school in a plastic bag or pot and deliver them to me in my office. Plants delivered personally by the children will be reciprocated with a smile and a sticker. Thank you.

A big thank you to Mrs Hurley who has been working after school and at times during the lunchtime with the children, on planting seeds and keeping our school Jubilee Garden and flower boxes in good order.

### PTFA Spring Fayre

It will soon be time for our Spring Fayre. Please think about ways in which you can help and how you can support the event on the day. The PTFA will be sending out letters soon.

All monies raised go towards supporting the children with a range of valuable resources and opportunities. With school budgets at an all time low, these additional PTFA funds are essential.

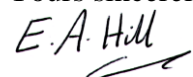
### PE footwear

As the weather improves, we will make more use of the outside space and children will need footwear for PE. Plimsolls or trainers are ideal. Plimsolls need to be of the slip on variety or better still, ones with a Velcro tab. Trainers (but not expensive ones) should be of the type that your child can put on themselves and fasten so therefore; those with laces are not suitable for this age group. Towards the end of the term we will look forward to a sports event on the Plymouth College field and an invitation for you to attend will be forthcoming once I have secured a date. We enjoyed perfect weather last year and I am hopeful for the same this year.

Children in both schools took part in a fire drill today and everybody successfully evacuated the building in under 3 minutes. **Well done** to all the children who were calm and orderly and a big thank you to staff who gave extra support to those children who find a fire drill experience difficult to manage.

I do hope that you all enjoy a pleasurable Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. I enjoyed opening my little present of a home-made model this morning and receiving a photograph from Asa that captured him singing at a concert and hope that I have a few more 'presents' to look at next week.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher