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Dear Parents,

As I type this letter, there are drums beating in the hall, children parading in their tie-dye t-shirts and shapes of all colours and hues. During the week the children have danced in formation and shapes to counted musical beats, threaded, painted and created repeating patterns, exploded shapes, dripped and splattered shapes, experimented creatively with numbers and had lots of fun in our maths-themed Arts Week. Thank you to our art and maths specialists who joined our talented staff in creating these exciting experiences for the children. All paint (if found on your child) should wash off and the same for clothing. Any glue is best soaked off in cool water before putting into a normal wash. The children did wear protective aprons but in the great excitement, paint sometimes reaches unwanted places. When washing the tie-dye t-shirts, please only wash them with dark towels etc. as the dye may still run, even though staff have followed the 'fixing' instructions.



Parent Governor Vacancies

Please be reminded that you received information yesterday about some parent governor vacancies. Miss Jackson and I will make ourselves available to talk to you about the role on Monday 6th between 3pm and 6pm. Please ring school during the day on Monday to let us know if you would like to come along.



Parents' Evening on 7th and 8th February

Staff are looking forward to speaking with you on either 7th or 8th February for you 10 minute appointment. If at all possible, please arrange for your school child and any pre-school children to stay at home so that the limited time available can be fully utilised without distraction.

Meal Time Assistant

We would welcome enquiries from parents, friends or members of the community about our temporary MTA position in school. No previous experience necessary although candidates will need to carry out safeguarding procedures (DBS form) and training.

Plymouth Weather

We have more than our fair share of rain in Plymouth and I understand that many Plymothians refer to rain as 'liquid sunshine'. February, March and April will bring a range of weather conditions and this will include a lot of rain. I hope the following information is helpful in our school approach to rain and how you, as parents, can help to enable your child to have access to outdoor play in inclement conditions and to keep indoor clothing dry.

- Children will go out to play in drizzle or light rain
- Children will not be sent out to play in heavy rain or when we have a gale warning of very high winds.
- Children may get caught in heavy rain if the weather changes from drizzle to heavy rain but they will be brought inside as soon as is practically possible
- Children need to access the dinner hall (situated across the Junior Playground) and will need to achieve this whatever weather conditions are prevailing
- Please send your child to school in a waterproof coat
- If using an umbrella to walk to school in the morning, please take it home with you as wet umbrellas make coats wet and cause puddle (slip hazard) in school
- Your child may walk to school in wellington boots (named in both please) although there is very limited space to store the boots (and bring school shoes with then to wear at school) so I would prefer that children wear shoes. I am reliably informed that several layers of polish on the shoes improve their waterproof qualities.
- In the mornings, prior to school, on wet days, the basement hall is made available for you to wait in. Please wait here and not in the school stairwells or annexe lobby.
- Please encourage your child to use the drip mats situated inside the doors to wipe their feet so that corridors, walkways and stairwells don't become slippery in wet weather

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the safety of any child at this school or living near you, please book an appointment to see me so that I can fully support you in making a child protection referral to the relevant agencies. Mrs Razey and myself, Mrs Hill, are the school's Safeguarding Officers.

Mrs Hill's Head Teacher Challenge

The theme for the next two weeks, including half term is 'Signs of Spring'. The children are encouraged to notice and draw, paint, sketch, photograph or make small 3D models of the signs of spring that they see in their garden, in the street, at the park, in books, or out in the local countryside, moorland or beach. Please label the children's contribution with their first name only and class. Also, a short statement about what has been drawn and where it was found, would be useful. I will have lots of stickers available for participants.

Have a lovely weekend!



Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher