



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

I talked to all the children in assembly today with the theme of 'breakfast' and the children were keen to participate with their favourite breakfasts and drinks. However, the mood changed when pictures of yummy breakfasts disappeared and an empty food cupboard and empty plate appeared on the screen. We then discussed and thought about what it must be like to be hungry and also worried if there was no food in the house. We looked at a map of Plymouth and the children found out that there are children and families in our community that are in this position now.

We are going to try and make a difference by collecting food for the Plymouth Food Bank that can be distributed to children and families who need it the most. I am also aware that families from this school have benefitted from provisions from the Food Bank in the past. Therefore, could I please ask you to have a look in your store cupboards or purchase a few more items when shopping to contribute to the food store that we are creating in the front of the hall. All items have to be long life so please don't send anything fresh or anything requiring refrigeration. The Food Bank would be very pleased to receive any of the items listed below:-

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned soup
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned vegetables
- UHT milk/soya milk
- UHT fruit juice
- Tins or jars of sauce for pasta
- Packets of breakfast cereals
- Packets of dried pasta
- Packets of soup
- Packets of biscuits
- Packets of sugar
- Packets of snacks/treats
- Tea
- Coffee

Please send your donations into school in a carrier bag or place them directly in the hall. Please donate whatever you can afford. Thank you.



### Belief in self

We support and encourage all the children to have a 'can do' attitude and develop skills to 'have a go' and I'm pleased to report that this approach is working. Learning can sometimes be tricky but children develop confidence as learners by trying new things. Starting school and moving to a new class can sometimes seem a little tricky but the children are learning that they are rewarded for trying and also learn that trying is rewarding in itself and leads to success. We all thrive on praise so we give plenty of that too. If at any point your child is worried about learning at school, please talk with your child's teacher so that we can work together to support them in being successful and developing those lifetime skills that help them to learn with independence, confidence and enjoyment. Our school vision helps to explain what we are trying to achieve for each child and the children are learning to develop and strengthen these skills throughout the time they are in the Infants and the Juniors.

### **Hyde Park Schools' Vision**

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

### Local libraries

Children will benefit from visiting a local library on a regular basis to choose books for themselves or, with help, to find books that they would like read to them. Children who have heard stories, read them for themselves and used information books have a head start as they have an understanding of what makes good quality written work when they come to write for themselves. Reading or listening to stories can be very relaxing and is a 'gift' that you can give your child every day. Please do try to find time when you can read a bedtime story. For those of you who have not yet joined a library, they are free and can be a great place to meet and make new friends for children and parents alike. Happy reading .....



### Roald Dahl event

In my next newsletter I will be publicising dates for our Roald Dahl day and as mentioned previously, the children will have a chance to dress up as a favourite character from one of Roald Dahl's many books or poems. Costumes can be very simple such as a coloured tee shirt to denote a character or more elaborate if you have a dressing up box with many items in it. Over the week it would be good to have a look at some of Roald Dahl's work so that your child can enjoy it. Pictures or poems copied and illustrated or written in Roald Dahl style would be gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher