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Dear Parents,

The children, with your support, have been very busy in helping others and I thank you all for your efforts. 160.90kgs of food was donated for the Plymouth Food Bank and we have received a certificate acknowledging that the food will make a BIG difference to local families in crisis.

We have made a slow start in raising money for the Literacy in a Box scheme but I am optimistic that as the year progresses, we will be able to generate the money to purchase a much needed box (more like a very large crate) that we can send direct to children and their teachers in Zambia. If you have a donation to make at any time of the year, please send it into school in an envelope marked **Literacy in a Box**. www.literacyboxtrust.org.uk

Poppies are available now in the school office for a small donation.

Coming up next will be our Children in Need day (Friday 18th November) when children, staff and parents are invited to wear spotty or stripy clothing (or both) with a charity donation. See Pudsey's message below:-

Parents

Staff are looking forward to seeing you for your pre booked appointment either tomorrow or on Wednesday. As well as speaking with your child's teacher and looking at your child's work, you are invited to look at the new displays in the Early Years corridors and in the school hall that depict our School Vision in pictures, photographs and children's written views. Also in the hall will be large curriculum portfolios that will give you a flavour of what is taught across the school. We look forward to seeing you!

The Wine and Wisdom evening is also an opportunity for parents to have fun on Friday 11th November. Please see the PTFA flyers for details.

Our children make us so proud

Y1 children have been visiting a local supermarket and going behind the scenes. The children have had great fun, asked lots of questions and so impressed supermarket staff with their exemplary behaviour and intelligence. Well done to all the children and thank you to our volunteers who helped to make this trip such a success.

School website

There are lots of new updates on the school website from all the classes and results from the most recent Head Teacher's Apple challenge are there too. Keep your eyes on the website as up and coming events and children's work will be frequently updated.



School Christmas Lunch

We hope that as many children as possible will opt for the Christmas lunch and that even those who have a packed lunch will be tempted to give it a go. Paul in the canteen can be contacted if you need reassurance about food types or allergies. Paul's number is 603510.

As I type this letter, Y2 children are exploring our WWII air raid shelter with torches! I am sure that it will help them get into the right genre when writing this week. Vicky (music tutor) is feeling much better and it is lovely to have her back supporting the children and running the Elastic Band too.

I so enjoyed my last Head Teacher's challenge that I have been giving careful thought to the theme for the next one ... and have decided on a seasonal one. The theme is 'looking in depth' and I would like children to observe something seasonal and either draw what they see, write about it or take a photograph. I am sure that the children will be very imaginative but a leaf, a spider/web a conker, a puddle, frost on the grass will perhaps stimulate some thought. All entries to be received on or before Friday 18th November. I do hope that lots of children will give it a go!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Our theme for assembly this week is 'Keeping Safe' so the children may well be talking about that with you.

E.A. Hill


Head Teacher



Hyde Park Infant School's

Spots and Stripes Spectacular

Please join us in raising money for

Children in Need on Friday 18th November 2016.

We would like to invite you dress up for the day in your favourite **spotty or stripy clothes** (or a combination of both) in exchange for a suggested donation of £1

(or whatever you can afford)

Thank you ☺

