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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your generous donations of food that have now been sent to the Food Bank and will be quickly distributed to families in the Plymouth area. When speaking to some of our Hyde Park families who have received a box of groceries in the past, it has made all the difference at a time when families have been quite desperate.

Parents' Evening

Paper slips will be coming home next week so that you can book your parents' evening appointment time for either Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th November. To ensure that all parents have access to this appointment slip, I will be asking our web manager to put the document on the school website at the earliest convenience. Appointment times last 10 minutes. As parents, if you find it impossible to attend at the same time because you are living apart and are not in communication, please make a separate appointment time and preferably on a different day.

Good manners and kind behaviour

At school we are placing great importance on good manners and kind behaviour and positively 'noticing' children who exhibit the above. Please 'notice' your child at home for good manners and kind behaviours so that we can create even greater harmony and a positive ethos in the school and especially in the playground.

PTFA meeting

The PTFA are planning their next evening meeting for Monday 16th October at 8pm. The venue for this meeting is 8 Holland Road. There will be good company to be had and lots of planning for the events in school so please go along, join in and help out.

Beginner First Aid Club

After half term there will be a new club running at lunchtime starting on Friday 3rd November for Y2 and separately, for Y1 children. The children will learn to practically deal with simple first aid situations and learn how to apply a cold compress, a bandage and how to call for assistance. The club will be run by Andy Tippet, a qualified teacher, DBS cleared and First Aid tutor. There will be 4 sessions at a total cost of £12.00 payable in cash in advance. The club will run for approximately 30 minutes giving children ample time for their school lunch and some outdoor play too.

Please secure your child's place in this beginner first aid club by sending £12.00 in an envelope and marking the outside of the envelope with First Aid Club, their name and class. Please send the envelope to the school office at any time next week although 'Early Birds' will be sure of securing a place.



Illnesses

Please be informed that a number of children have contracted **Chicken Pox**. They will need to stay at home for **five** days from the onset of the rash and until your child is well. There have also been a few cases of **Shingellosis**, a vomiting and diarrhoea bug that spreads quickly. The symptoms can last up to 7 days and diarrhoea can also cause dehydration.

For any illness involving diarrhoea or sickness, please ensure that your child is 48 hours clear of their last bout so that bacteria and infections are not spread at school and also, importantly, that your child only returns to school when they are fully recovered.

Open door policy

Staff try very hard to make themselves available to you before and after school and for the most part, this is working very well. Can I please ask that parents do not come into the cloakrooms or the classroom just before the bell is rung as staff need to encourage the children to show their independence and start the learning quickly at the beginning of the day.

Hyde Park Explorers

I am hearing great news from the children and from parents about the success of the Hyde Park Explorers pack that has been distributed to all the children. There are plenty of activities to try out that can turn even the wettest of days into an exciting adventure. The children are already telling me about some of their favourite activities with the coin flipping exploration of the local area currently being one of the most popular. I have received some Hyde Park Explorers pictures and have uploaded them to the school website and would like some more, please. Head Teacher stickers will be waiting for those that send or bring me a picture or a report.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher