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Dear Parents,

The school has been awash with spots and stripes and at the point of typing this letter (1.00pm) the children and staff have raised £276.00 and I am hopeful that the money will get closer to £300.00 by the end of the day. The children have been learning about the good causes that Children in Need support and we are hoping that parents will join us later this afternoon to join in the fun.



Parents in classrooms

We would like to encourage more parents to help in school on a regular basis, please. I note that many of you have already completed the relevant DBS forms and am hoping that this little prompt will encourage you to come forward. Tasks in school are many and varied and could involve helping in the library, cutting, colouring or making resources, tidying up, organising the distribution of book bags, or supporting in the classroom by playing games with the children, giving them extra opportunities to read to an adult and the list goes on ... Sometimes it is helpful if you work in your own child's classroom but more often it is better if you help across the year group or in a different year group. Please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you have any further questions, please pop in and see me personally.



Packed Lunches

For the few children who are having a packed lunch, please can I remind parents that the meals need to be healthy with a balance of foods containing protein, carbohydrate and not too much sugar. Children will benefit from fruit and vegetables and you may also want to consider a milk/soya product with calcium to build bones. Please do not send in chocolate or other confectionary or fizzy drinks.

Colouring competition

Lloyds bank has linked up with our PTFA to sponsor our Christmas Fayre and to provide prizes for a colouring competition. The entry form and picture will come home with your child on Monday and will need to be returned to Lloyds bank by 5pm on 4th December (complete with a 50p entry fee) in time for them to be displayed in the bank and judged. Winners will be announced in the bank on the 7th and prizes awarded at 5.30. The Junior School choir will be singing at the event and all monies raised will be split between Mental Health UK and the Hyde Park Schools. A volunteer from the Junior School has volunteered to take completed entries to the bank on the morning of the 4th December and if you want to make use of this kind offer, please ensure that entries are received in the Infant School by 9am on that morning (the 4th December)

Mayflower 400

Over the next two years there will be a number of events happening in Plymouth connected with the Mayflower. As part of the celebrations, on 24th to 26th November there will be **Illuminate**, a festival of light installations and projections around the Royal William Yard to mark the anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. Entry is free although some of the activities will involve a charge of £2.00 and any food consumed will also need to be paid for. I would love to see pictures or drawings from any child who goes along.

After the jam making last weekend, I have hedge cutting and bulb planting on the 'to do' list but hope to find enough time to enjoy some reading and try out a new recipe involving lots of spice. I wonder what autumnal activities our families in the Hyde Park Community will be doing this weekend and if stuck for an idea, just open up the Hyde Park Explorers pack and see where that takes you.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher