



## Hyde Park Infant School

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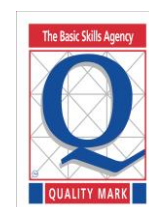
Dear Parents,

The improvement in the weather has been welcomed and the children have enjoyed some sunny and often warm conditions in the playground this week. Please send your child in to school with a sun hat and apply cream at home if you consider the sunshine to be an issue. As we live in Plymouth, we are likely to get lots of rain and it may still snow so please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and is appropriately dressed for each day.

It has been fascinating to see the projects/activities that the children have been exploring over the holidays and teachers will be displaying them all (or taking photographs of the large models and displaying the photograph) The space dome was a great experience for the children on Tuesday and all who took part, including the adults, had a very enjoyable and informative time. The children's chatter and writing about the event has been most exciting to hear and see.

### School Allotment

The school allotment was very productive last year and was well tended and developed by a small band of volunteers. They are going to be busy this Saturday at 9.30 until 11.30 and extend a welcome to everyone. Please bring along any gardening tools/gloves and meet at the Peverell Park Road entrance at 9.30 if you would like to join in. Children are especially welcome but must be accompanied by their adult. There is a 'composting' toilet available at the allotment and a community garden to explore too.



### School Uniform

Shorts and school dresses may be worn whenever you feel that the weather warrants it. Please ensure that children have 'sensible' shoes for school with no open toes.

### Vegetarian School Meal Development

Could I please ask the ladies who joined me on 6<sup>th</sup> March to taste and develop vegetarian meals, to meet again in the school hall at 1.45 on May 1st for some making and tasting in the school kitchen that afternoon. Please send confirmation of your attendance to

[hyde.park.infants.school@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:hyde.park.infants.school@plymouth.gov.uk) and mark your e-mail for my attention or send me a note to arrive by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

### 90 new entrants

The Local Authority has allocated the 90 new places for September and we are in the process of welcoming parents to the school office to begin the enrolling process. If your child is starting school with us in September 2018, please pop into the office to collect an enrolment form. You will have already received an electronic prospectus, Early Years information and meeting dates.

### Early Help Assessment

An 'Early Help Assessment' leaflet will be in book bags for our Early Years children and distributed to Y1 and Y2 children when the leaflets arrive next week. Please keep this leaflet at home and use it to access extra support for your family when there is a need or crisis. By becoming involved in the EHA, health visitors, school nurses, teachers and Children's Centres can work with you and your family to offer you support and get you and your family 'back on track'.

The assembly theme for this week has been 'Joy' and the children, their smiles and enthusiasm have made it a very joyous week. We sang 'Give me joy in my heart' in assembly today and it was really sung with gusto and enthusiasm! I have been in reflective but joyous mood as I celebrate being Head Teacher for 16 years at Hyde Park Infant School. Some of the children that I taught in 2001 have even gone on to have children of their own! What a privilege it is to have my job and how exciting it is to see the children develop each day. May I wish you all a very happy weekend and would like any ex pupils to drop me a line or an e-mail to let me know how they are getting on.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher