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Dear Parents,

There has been so much going on in the school this week with visitors to the school commenting on the quality of children's learning, the exciting displays in the classrooms, the positive 'vibe' and the politeness of their children, including their lovely behaviour. I have also been in the Junior School classrooms today to see the Y3 children and have been so impressed with their learning and the positive and happy start they have made. It is definitely a good time to say 'Well done' to all the children and to say a big thank you to staff for making their first weeks at school so fruitful.

A time of challenge

Children entering school have found the intensity of learning quite challenging and I expect you have noticed that they are sleeping well at night. The Y1 children have found the intensity of learning challenging as they are finding that there is less 'play' and the learning is more challenging in Key Stage One. The Y2 children are finding the demands of the Y2 curriculum challenging and they are encouraged to work with greater independence. Staff are working extra hard to support your child, to give plenty of encouragement and to reward for effort and achievement. All will 'settle' soon but please keep encouraging and supporting so that your child can work through the challenges and come out smiling the other side.

Sports for schools initiative

Please see the paperwork that is coming home today about an exciting fitness opportunity that all children and staff will be taking part in with, Antony James (Olympic swimmer). This is a sponsored event and I hope that you will be able to support our school and GB athletes as we try to fundraise.

Some dates for your diary

26th September – 2.45	Workshops for Y1 and Y2 parents with a focus on Maths and English
29 th September - 2.30	Introductory workshop for parents with children in Cedar, Ash and Oak classes
7 th and 8 th November 3-6	Parents' Evenings – booking forms will be issued in October
17 th November	Children in Need. We have a spots or stripes theme or a combination of the two
12 th December (morning), 13 th December (afternoon), 14 th December (afternoon) and 15 th December (morning)	Christmas Production date. Two seats per family. Booking forms will be issued at the end of November



Harvest

To celebrate harvest we will be collecting for the Plymouth Food bank, a service available to Plymouth families who are experiencing difficulties. A number of our parents have found themselves needing food bank support and I would ask you to be generous in your donations. Food donations (long life products in tins and packets only) can be brought to school from Monday. Maybe you have some items at home or can add a few extras to your weekly shop?

The Food Bank would particularly like the following items to be donated:-

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned meat

Tinned puddings e.g. rice pudding

Packets or tins of biscuits

UHT Milk

Breakfast cereals

Other products in tins or packets are always gratefully received.

Please place your donations in the main hall under the screen and we will see if we can give a helping hand to Plymouth Families in need. **Thank you**



School Photographer

If you have requested an appointment time, they will be sent out on Monday. For all other children, photographs will be taken on Thursday 28th in school time.

Flu nasal spray

Forms have gone out for every child in the school. Please return the flu form to school by Monday 25th. I have booked in for mine but, as an adult, have to have the jab version!

Hyde Park Explorers

Every child now has a pack and I have been receiving very encouraging comments about some of the activities that have been undertaken. Please can I ask you to send in any pictures, writing or reports about one or more of the activities that I can publicise on our school website. I wonder who will be first to send in an item?

I do hope that you have a lovely weekend and get to enjoy some outdoor fun. I intend to get out for a walk and I wonder if I will meet any of the children on my travels?

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher