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Dear Parents,

This will be my last newsletter this term and I am typing away and can hear the children out at play. They are as animated as usual and are enjoying playing their own games as well as those set up by dinner staff. We place great importance on the children having an active playtime so that we can nurture their physical as well as their mental health and wellbeing. Each day is themed e.g. skipping or team games and there are opportunities to use Snowdon, our trim trail too. In the 'Orchard Playground', yes, it used to be an orchard, at the side of the school, we employ a PE specialist called Dan who organises individual and team challenges that encourage high physical effort as well as coordination and ball control.

Free food in the holiday

CaterEd, our school meal provider is giving out 300 free lunches to children between 12pm and 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday during the school holiday. See attached flyer entitled Ed's big summer food tour. Also, on a Wednesday, every library in Plymouth will have 50 lunches to give out to children in August and there will be library activities including the Summer Reading Challenge to get involved in too.

## Free courses for adults

For adults earning less than 15,700 (gross salary) there are opportunities to retrain or gain a recognised qualification at City College. For information on the range of courses visit www.cityplym.ac.uk/courses or call 01752 305300

Alternatively and based locally at Hyde Park House, Mutley Plain PL46LF there are Family Learning opportunities through On Course South West where courses can be free (subject to earnings) and cover basic skills in family budgeting, cooking, first aid, crafts and basic English, Maths and Science as well as IT and internet safety. The contact for these courses is 01752 660713 www.oncoursesouthwest.co.uk

## Music lessons in school

Lunchtime violin lessons are available for the new children starting school in September and also for those entering Year One. Lessons cost  $\pm 50.00$  per term (payable on the first lesson) and are held at lunchtime. The recorder club is open to all classes and runs on Mondays straight after school at a cost of  $\pm 30.00$  per term (payable on the first lesson) Please purchase a recorder for your child although the music teacher, Vicky can assist with selecting the right violin and sometimes has second hand violins available for purchase. Please secure a place for your child next term by e-mailing Vicky direct on vicpenlan@hotmail.com









## Hope Baptist Church flower festival

With a theme of 'All good gifts around us' Hope Baptist Church have invited children at the school to create an art poster to decorate the church and their hall on an A4 sized piece of paper/card. If you would like your child to take part, please drop their finished poster to the church anytime after Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September between the hours of 10am and 3pm Thank you

I am currently receiving some lovely letters and e-mails from parents and thank you for taking the time to record your highlights of this term and the progress that your child has made at school. I am particularly loving the home made cards that the children are writing, many of which feature bees! I shall treasure them all. My staff have been receiving gifts and cards and I know that they really appreciate the thoughts and messages that have gone into both.

May I wish you all a happy and safe holiday. The children will return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September with the Y1 and Y2 classes starting at 8.55. The new intake of children for Ash, Cedar and Oak classes will start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September.



Yours sincerely, E A H H

Head Teacher

