



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

The scarecrows have been finished and are being positioned in the school allotment and will hopefully be scaring away the birds. Children in every class have been growing seeds in the classrooms and over half term, the thriving plants will be planted out in the allotment garden and then visited to keep an eye on growth and a hopeful harvest. I understand that Peter will be managing some community hives in the allotment so look out for postings of opportunities to visit the hives and find out about how the bees are pollinating many plants, including trees.



You will all have received an envelope full of information about how the school is protecting your data and that of your child. Please be kind enough to take out the document entitled 'New Hyde Park Infant School guidelines for the use of digital/video images (including photographic and video recordings) and sign and return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to the many parents who were quick off the mark and have returned the signed document already.

You may notice that the school website is looking a little 'patchy' at present and will remain so until we can be sure that photographs used only show pupils who are registered at the school and



whose parents have signed the document mentioned above. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

#### Requests and reminders

- Please ensure that your child has a pair of slip on or Velcro plimsolls that fit as we will be doing a lot more outdoor PE when we return from the school half term holiday.
- Please send in any spare, clean boys' clothing (pants, shorts, trousers, and socks) so that we have spares to give out to children who have had an 'accident'. Also, if your child has come home in school clothing, please wash and return it. Thank you.

#### Sports Day

I have been trying for some time to book our sports day. We rely on the good will of Plymouth College and one person in particular who agrees the bookings. I have requested the morning of July 20<sup>th</sup> but have not yet received confirmation. I will let you know as soon as possible as I am aware that most parents need to book time off work.

#### American Teachers

Next term we will be enjoying working with teachers from America who will be in each classroom supporting our work (not our phonics!) and sharing their experiences of life in America and its schools.

The children in Y2 have now all completed their SATs which now go through a moderation process and the results of which will be communicated to parents in the end of term reports. Y1 children have a phonic screening test in June which will be conducted 1-1 with their class teacher so that they have the best chance to achieve their best performance. End of term reports will be available for every child just before the end of term. Staff are already working hard to write the reports and will be using all of half term and into June and early July to complete them.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday and I look forward to seeing the children on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. The term will close on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July for the summer holiday and we all return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September with 'new' children in the Early Years starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher