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Dear Parents,

Last week all the children enjoyed special maths and science days which involved lots of practical activities and investigations, some of which were inspired by a book. Last Friday was a day to celebrate books and the opening of our refurbished library. Thank you to our parents and governors who joined staff, our PTFA, our students from America and staff from Plymouth children's library service to make the event such a success. Together with tours of the library, a chat with other parents, talks with staff/governors and the librarians, the afternoon was very busy and was 'washed down' with cups of tea and the odd scone with jam and clotted cream. Donations received on the day totalled just over £300 (including money donated for the chance to win a bag of new books) which has been converted into £500 worth of new 'renewable' library books which together with the £800 worth of books provided by the PTFA. I'm pleased to say that the bag of books prize donated by the Plymouth children's library service was won by the Rockett family.

Parking Safely

Please, when parking near the school, have consideration for the safety and needs of pedestrians, local residents and other car users. If at all possible, park away from the school and walk to school with your child. Cameras have now been installed by Plymouth City Council covering the entrance to the schools and are now operational.

Sun and heat safety



What we are doing in school:

- The children are encouraged to wear their sun hats when outside
- The children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the school day and this can be topped up in school if they finish their water
- Additional water is available from the two water fountains in the playground
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- There are a number of areas of shade in the playground and the children are encouraged to use them. The lunchtime game activities are based in the shade when we have sunny weather
- To protect children's skin from the sun, there is now a relaxing of the school uniform so that long sleeves or long trousers can be worn by both girls and boys in a cool and loose fitting style (probably cotton)

How you can help at home:

- Please ensure that your child has a sun hat (named please) that they can wear to school and every time they go outside for play and also on the walk home.
- Please send your child to school each day with a full water bottle
- Please apply sun cream to exposed parts of your child's body that will last the day.
- If your child has particularly sensitive skin, you are welcome to come on site at 12.15 for Y1 and Y2 children and 1.00 for Early Years children, to apply cream to your own child.
- Following the relaxation of uniform rules, you may send your child into school with loose long sleeved top and loose fitting trousers that cover exposed parts.

Together we can help your child enjoy the hot weather but keep safe when the sun is shining and by being well hydrated in this heat. Thank you to the parents who have taken time to speak to me about their concerns about the dangers of the sun. I hope that collectively we can support all the children to keep safe.

PTFA ice lolly day

The PTFA will be fundraising for the school and selling ice lollies in the playground at the end of the day on Friday for £1.00

PTFA end of term disco

This will be on 13th July. Full details will be sent to you shortly by the PTFA. Please remember that you will need to book your child into the disco within the booking window as no late bookings can be accepted..

Year Two end of year performance

Year two children are creating a play for Y2 parents to come and see which will feature all the Y2 children. There is no cost to view the performance. Two seats will be available for parents and we would appreciate you e-mailing the office to let us know which performance you want to see. The performance dates are Tuesday 17th July or Wednesday 18th July for a 2pm start. It will be possible to enter the school at 1.45 and come straight into the hall to find a seat. The children and staff look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher