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Dear Parents,

Today all the children, staff and parents of Willow Class have been treated to a Willow Class assembly with a Castle theme which included dancing, songs, a poetry recital, some models and lots of facts about castles. Well done to all the children performing and giving our Friday morning such a lovely start. Bread making in Y2 has been a great success with lovely wafts of bread filtering along the corridor to my office. Thank you to Mr Razey for being Master Baker for the day.

Our school library

Firstly a thank you to the lovely mums that have been spending hours sorting and placing the books in the library. There is still a little more work to do! Simon has cleaned the carpets and with more work next week, the library will be ready for use again. We are planning a grand opening for the children and this will be accompanied by an opportunity to choose a new book to borrow to read at home. We are very grateful to the PTFA who have funded the library refurbishment and a range of other very useful library resources, including furniture.

World Book Day 1st March

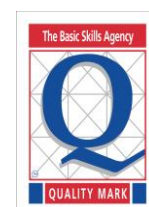
Continuing with the book theme, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Following requests from parents, the infant and the junior school have the same theme so children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a story book. Hopefully you will already have something suitable at home so please don't go out and buy a costume. If preferred, children could come to school in mufti (home clothes) on the day and bring in their favourite book to show to their friends (please write your child's name inside the book to ensure it can be returned at the end of the day) As part of our charitable work to promote books and literacy in other parts of the world, we will be making a collection on World Book Day for the **Literacy in a Box** project that we like to support in Zambia. Our target is £325 which is the cost of a box to support a whole class of children for a year. Please be as generous as you can. Donations for Literacy in a Box can be sent to school at any time and will culminate on 1st March.

Pancakes for pudding

Next Friday, 9th February, Paul will be cooking and serving pancakes as part of the school meal entitlement.

Vegetarian School Meals

I am going to be working with CaterEd, our school meals team, to create new menus for our children who eat the vegetarian meals. I will be sending out some personal invitations to parents in the hope that you will come on site, taste some of the current meals and then bring your favourite



recipes that can then be made and tasted with a view to them going on the school menu in the future. Mrs Tarafder, one of our dinner ladies who is a Muslim and Bengali speaker has already agreed to get involved and I am hoping that she will be joined by more Mums or whoever does the vegetarian cooking at home.

School Attendance

Please make every effort to get your child to school on time and also to make arrangements for holidays during the school holiday period and not during term time.

Extreme Reading Pictures

Some lovely pictures have arrived in school so thank you if you have sent in some pictures. Please continue to send in pictures as I hope to create a really lovely display for all to enjoy.

Cars outside the Hyde Park Schools

There is nowhere safe to stop or park outside the Hyde Park Schools so please park away from the school and walk in or, if possible, walk all the way. Recent stopping on the zig zag lines is not only illegal but very dangerous. Please put the children first.

Birthday Cake/Sweets

Staff are unable to distribute birthday food items within school. If your child has a birthday and you wish to distribute a food gift to all the children in the class, please distribute the birthday food to the parents in the playground and not to the child. This will ensure that any food offered is acceptable to the parent receiving it and doesn't cause any medical upsets.

We have another busy week ahead with parents' evening on both Tuesday and Wednesday. I shall be on site for the parents' evenings and will be pleased to see any parents for a long or short chat or just a hello. Curriculum portfolios will be available in the main school hall for parents to look at and your child's work will be available outside the classroom for you to look at prior to your appointment or after.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher