



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

There is a flurry of activity in the school as children practice their songs and dances for our Christmas performance, the school is being readied for the Christmas Fayre and we have lots of students helping from Plymouth College to move donations to the correct rooms as this year, for the first time, the Christmas Fayre is spread across both schools. The team of parent helpers and organizers has been amazing too so I am hoping, with all this effort, that the fayre is a great success. Please come along and support both the schools in this important festive fundraising event. Yesterday in the school canteen Paul, our chef and his staff cooked a lovely Christmas meal and I got to help serve the food in my Christmas apron, hat and fairy lights! Thank you to all the staff and governors who joined in the fun (dressed up too) and helped serve the meals and join in with the fun.

### Operation Encompass

As part of our safeguarding procedures, Hyde Park Infant School is proud to be part of Operation Encompass, a scheme whereby the Police link with the School following any callout for domestic abuse or police incident involving families at our school. Once notified, we can support in a variety of ways. Similarly, as child protection officer for the school, parents are welcome to come and share concerns with me and I can either provide support to signpost/engage support to address the concerns. Also, if you need advice dealing with a situation, the NSPCC can help and there is a HELP card in your child's book bag and a telephone number that you can call:

0808 800 500

### Snow

Details on what to do in the event of snow are to be found on the school website under **Parents** followed by **Useful Documents**. Please have a read this weekend so that you know what procedures to follow and you don't ring the school. Thank you

### Competition Winners

Congratulations to Louis in Y2 and Eva in Foundation who won a children's history book for their pictures that were submitted to the Sabbath Day Commemorations. The Lord Mayor loved their work and was impressed by the colouring abilities of all the other children who entered.



Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of school. There will be a sign up form available from Monday and will include the following items: Please sign up for just one item.

**Grapes, Large boxed carton of apple or orange juice, cheese and pineapple on sticks, mini sausages/sausage rolls, savoury cheese biscuits, crisps, carrot sticks and cucumber sticks, small cakes, sweet biscuits.**

I thought that a bit of advance notice would be helpful for those who plan out their shopping trips.

Singing and colouring at Lloyds Bank

Congratulations to the Junior Choir who sang beautifully last night and well done to all the children from the infant and junior schools who entered the competition. I am reliably informed that prizes will be awarded next week.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend. I need to spend some time writing Christmas cards and am going to try my hand at making a Christmas wreath from greenery in the garden. Whatever you get up to, keep warm and I look forward to seeing all the children and many of you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher