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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Hyde Park Infant School. I am pleased to report that the tadpoles have grown legs and are well on their way to becoming froglets. They have now been released back into the ponds where they were originally found. The Foundation Stage Classes have been involved in a 'growing butterflies' project and the caterpillars got very fat and are now in the pupa stage. We are waiting for the butterflies to emerge and are making predictions about the colours of the wings.

**Breaking news ... Whilst typing this letter at 11am I have been informed that 3 of the butterflies have emerged and will be released today!**



#### Welcoming 'new' parents

This week we were able to welcome parents whose children will be joining the school in September 2018. Each of our 3 Foundation Stage Classes were full to bursting with parents meeting their child's teacher for the first time or touching base again for their second, third or fourth child. Mrs Razey and I enjoyed speaking to all the parents through a presentation in the hall and this new partnership will be enhanced with home visits, workshops and 'taster days' prior to the children starting in September. We were very pleased to be joined by Miss Jackson, Head of the Junior School and by Mr Bowles, our Chair of the joint federated governing body. Our American



teachers listened in to the presentation and have taken copious notes so they can trial something similar in the USA.

Hyde Park Schools joint summer fayre

Accompanying this letter is a reminder summer fayre letter from the PTFA. We are anticipating a great event with lots of things to do, things to eat/drink and prizes to be won! To support the stalls and keep the fayre high in profile, we are asking children and staff to wear the following on certain days and to bring in contributions for the fayre;

Monday	Own shoes
Tuesday	A favourite 't' shirt
Wednesday	Crazy socks
Thursday	Full mufti (home clothes or costume)
Friday	Usual school uniform

We have chosen items that require the minimum of change to the usual school uniform so, for example on Wednesday, school uniform can be worn as usual with the option of crazy socks. Not every child likes to be out of routine so school uniform can be worn as usual throughout the week if you prefer. We do hope that you will send in donations to support the fayre and the PTFA's efforts to raise money for both schools.

Eye Screening reminder for the Foundation Stage Classes

Eye screening will be spread over 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June for the children in Ash, Cedar and Oak classes. Information letters have already been sent to parents so this is just a reminder.

Sports Day

We can now confirm sports day will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July (9.30am – 12.00). Please come and spectate and remember to bring camping chairs and rugs etc. We would be very grateful for any help walking the children to and from Plymouth College sports field.

The weather is warming up so please send your child to school with a sun hat and full water bottle. Please apply any sun cream before school as it cannot be applied in school or brought to school. However, we are still getting showers of rain so a coat is also needed too. I am looking forward to wearing 'own shoes' on Monday. I am hosting a traditionally British high tea garden party at my house for the American teachers this weekend and am hoping that the weather is kind. I hope too that you enjoy a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week as we prepare for the summer fayre.

Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher