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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2019 at Hyde Park Infant School. We are now part of the Horizon Multi Academy Trust and proudly show the logo on our headed paper.

It has been lovely to see the children safely back at school after a lovely break and they have lots of energy which we are putting to good use in the classrooms.

At Christmas I was given many beautiful cards, many with some lovely messages and I had various gifts too which have either been put to good use, consumed or applied! Thank you for your warm wishes which I took time and pleasure in reading as soon as I got home to start my Christmas holiday.

New term topics

In the Foundation Stage classes the children will be exploring a topic of 'Lands Long Ago' which will include lots of learning about dinosaurs. The topic has started already and there is great excitement!

In Year One the topic is 'Castles and Forts' which again, is exciting for the children and will give rise to some hands on experiences. Please complete the projects that you have been working on at home as a family and send them in to the classes to be displayed and used in the children's learning. In Year Two the topic is 'The Great Fire of London' where children have the opportunity to learn about important historical facts through drama and research. Again, if you have been working on a Great Fire of London project at home, please send it in to school on Monday. <u>Coming up ...</u>

We are going to be launching a new programme of phonic support for parents within the next few weeks so I will be detailing this in my next newsletter. There will be workshops, games and support programmes to help you as parents support your child(ren) at home as phonic skills support children with their reading and writing.

In assembly this week we have been talking about New Year Resolutions, many of which included being kind, helpful, polite and persevering with tricky tasks. In assembly today the children agreed









that they would try to get to bed earlier and without fuss (let me know if they keep this resolution) and also to try and read every day. May I wish you all a happy, healthy and enjoyable new year!

Yours sincerely,

E A Hill Head Teacher