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Dear Parents,

I am in and out of all the classrooms and stopped for some time in Ash Class to enjoy a 'pop up' restaurant serving vegetable soup that the children had made from scratch using just vegetables. It was exciting to be in the room listening to the conversations and the lovely vocabulary such as delicious, yummy and tasty being used. The children sat in the restaurant, followed the menu and 'paid' for the soup afterwards. What exciting opportunities for learning in Ash Class that are being replicated in Cedar and Oak. The Year Two children are working with 18 Plymouth University students this morning exploring books and developing verbal and written language skills. In Year One the children are involved in 'smelly science' which involves lots of sensory experiences as well as a great deal of discussion!

Christmas performances

Paper letters have gone out in book bags and I ask that you return your preference as soon as possible so that tickets can be issued. If you are a parent of a child living apart from your child and still have Parental Responsibility (PR) you are entitled to a ticket and should contact the school office to arrange this.

Please understand that it is only possible to issue 2 tickets for parents and that no other tickets are available. Please be reminded that it is only at the Friday 7th December performance that pre-school children (book a seat using one of your tickets) or a baby (held in arms and no ticket required) can attend. **All the other performances starting in the week beginning 10th December will be for adults only and you must bring your allocated ticket with you.**

School lunches

Tomorrow is National Roast Dinner Day and there is a change to the advertised roast dinner. Tomorrow the dinner will be Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding (or Vegetable pie) with fruit crumble and custard. Paul, our chef is getting ready and I hope that as many children as possible select this menu.

School Trip Payment

We are still £1500 adrift and cannot yet book the school trips for next term and into the summer. If you have not yet fully paid or not started paying, please make a payment as soon as possible. Reminders for payments will be sent to you electronically.



Children in Need or 'Pudsey Day' as the children have named it

Please encourage your child to wear something stripey or spotty or a combination of the two. Staff will be dressing up to and you may like to do the same. We ask for a coin donation (hopefully £1.00) or whatever you can afford.



Meal Time Assistant (MTA) and temporary/occasional day Teaching Assistant (TA) vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant and are looking for a special person to join our team who is available from 11.45 until 1.10. We are looking for somebody who is kind, good at playing active games, great at reading stories (when the weather is wet) and somebody with the skills to support positive behaviour in a firm but kindly manner. Please register your interest with Mrs Hill in the first instance, after which you will be asked make an application in writing. This post will be subject to full safeguarding procedures including DBS clearance.

Occasionally we have the need for a qualified and experienced TA (who could be Teacher qualified) to support our busy team of staff. If you have the qualifications and experience, please speak to Mrs Hill in the first instance.

Parents' Evenings

Gales and torrential rain didn't deter you from meeting with staff to talk about your child's successes and their next steps. Thank you for your attendance and for all the lovely chats that I enjoyed with parents on both evenings. Many of you took home some activities or ideas to help your child at home and we have a whole school initiative to improve phonics so that children find it easier to read and also to write. We are also promoting a daily reading experience which is one of the great gifts to give your child as part of their learning experience. Don't forget the bed time story too as this is an experience that we hope every child can enjoy before they go to sleep. If you run out of books then please use the local libraries and a regular library time can often result in making new reading buddies and friends.

Hyde Park Schools Christmas Fayre 30th November 2018

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fayre but before that, we need lots of help!. Can you set things up, man a stall, help with refreshments, clear up, man an activity or generally help where needed? Please send your volunteer slip back to school.

Also we rely on you to donate to the stalls and purchase the raffle tickets. Please do whatever you can so that we can raise funds for both schools.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher