



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

It has been really pleasing to welcome 90 new children and their parent(s) to our Foundation Stage. Staff have been working hard to get to know the children and have been helping them to make friends and try out lots of different activities and challenges indoors and outdoors. Across the school we have been concentrating on 'whole body listening' which helps children focus their attention, we have been encouraging and praising positive behaviour and we have been finding enjoyment and reward in persevering when tasks are tricky. We have also been paying attention to good manners and remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'. Each child has a challenge to show these behaviour traits and I hope to be rewarding them with a Head Teacher sticker during the coming week.

### Holiday scrapbooks

Please keep sending these in. I look at them avidly and appreciate the effort that the children (with help from their adult) have put in.

### Playground at the start of the day

Please refrain from leaving book bags, water bottles and coats on the playground, steps or entrances to classrooms prior to the start of the day. Please can I ask that adult hold onto these items if your child wants to be active prior to the bell ringing. Please be aware that the playground is crowded and it is not appropriate to run around at this time.

### Prospective Parents Open Evening

If you know of any parents who are thinking of sending their child to Hyde Park Infant School in September 2019, please encourage them to attend a meeting for prospective parents on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 4 o'clock for a meeting that will last no longer than an hour. Please be advised that this meeting is not suitable for children of any age other than a small baby in a sling/baby carrier.

### French Club

Ghislaine is running her very popular French club, suitable for all ages, on Tuesday after school. Please see the paper notes in your child's book bag and contact Ghislaine directly to book your child into this club. Details are also to be found on the school website

### Singing, percussion and instrumental lessons

Vicky is running a range of exciting musical lessons and there are still places to sing/play percussion, play the recorder or play the violin. Please look on the school website and book with Vicky directly. Some sessions are during the lunchtime and others are after school. These sessions



are suitable for those children who have just started school and for those who are in Y1 or Y2. All the sessions are on a Monday.

#### Free School Meals

Every child is entitled to a free school meal in the Infant School. I look forward to seeing every child there having a tasty and nutritious meal. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September there will be a themed day to celebrate World Maritime Day with Breaded Fish and Chips and a Vegetarian option too. The meals are provided by Paul, our chef in our canteen and he and his staff are part of the CaterEd organisation.

#### Free Food tasters

CaterEd will be out in the playground at 3pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September offering parents and pre school children some yummy tasters. There will be free coffee for the adults and juice for the children. Please come along to the playground a little earlier on this day so you can try out some great tasting food snacks. I am hoping there will be some carrot muffins!

It has been an extremely busy week and I am sure that the children are going to need some good rest and sleep at the weekend. I know that all the staff are looking forward to some relaxation! My Head Teacher challenge of last week resulted in some lovely sporty pictures which are being placed on the school website for you to see. Please keep sending them in. My challenge to the children this week has been delivered to them in assembly time and is all about positive behaviours, good manners and persevering when learning. Thank you to all our parent helpers who accompanied our Y2 children on their investigations around the local environment. We are keen to encourage parents to get involved in school life so please pop into the office if you have time to offer and complete a DBS form too.

I wish you all a happy and restful weekend and look forward to seeing everybody safely back to school on Monday. Please remember to always send your child to school with a coat as the weather is now so temperamental.



Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher