



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

It has been another great week at Hyde Park Infant School with super learning taking place and great activity in all of the classrooms. The children are encouraged to be physically active and if your live in close proximity to the school, you will hear their playtime chatter and laughter. Great emphasis is being placed on good manners and polite behaviour across the whole school and I am pleased to communicate to you that I have seen some shining examples of this during the week. The teachers and staff in the Foundation Stage are working hard to support all the children and will be working more closely with some of you to coordinate programmes of support to enable your child to behave appropriately in school and to boost their 'readiness to learn' skills. A good number of children have joined me in my office and been awarded shiny stickers for their pictorial contributions to my Head Teacher's challenge. In Y2 we have a number of support programmes in place to boost children's phonic skills during lesson times and we will be sending out invitations to a number of parents so that you can come into school and receive some games and information about how you can help your child at home. The Y2 teachers, Mrs Razey, Miss Lynes, Mrs Crawley, Mrs Milburn and Miss Strong will all be delivering these phonic support programmes and I may well be involved too!

### Workshops

Invitations have gone out for each parent to attend workshops next week but if you have missed the invite or need a reminder then here they are:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2.45 for Y2 parents

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2.45 for Y1 parents

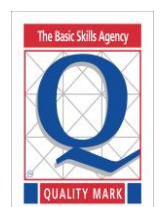
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2.30 for Foundation Stage parents

These workshops will provide guidance on reading and writing, home learning activities including games and be invaluable for you as parents. I do hope that as many of you as possible will come along and collect free resources and guidance that will be immensely beneficial for your child and their learning.

### Dates for your diary

24<sup>th</sup> September at 745 PTFA meeting (see below for details)

26<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 am PTFA meeting (see below for details)



26<sup>th</sup> September 3.00 food tasting in the playground

27<sup>th</sup> September School Photographs

PTFA Welcome and meeting

The PTFA are holding two welcome meetings for parents on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September in the basement hall (young children will be welcome) or on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm at 8 Holland Road for those that cannot make a daytime meeting.

Parents new to the school and those who have children in Y1 and Y2 are all welcome as are grandparents who want to get involved. This will be an exciting opportunity to hear what the PTFA have been up to over the last year and to learn about the plans for the future. You can just sit and listen or join in if you want to. Either way it will be a great chance to meet other parents, extend friendship circles and get involved (if you want to) in the range of activities that the PTFA offer. Please put the dates in your diary and we will hopefully see you or a representative from your family there.

Food Bank Harvest

We will be holding our Food Bank Harvest in school in October and I thought I would give you some advanced notice so that you can plan to contribute if you are in a position to do so.

Increasingly families in this school and across Plymouth find themselves short of or without food and need to turn to a food bank for assistance. In school we will be collecting tins and packets and boxes of long life foods. I will send details soon of specific requirements but, perhaps, as you are shopping over the next few weeks, you might be able to buy extra (keep the items at home for a while) for Plymouth families in need? Wouldn't it be splendid if we could make a large contribution to this Plymouth Food Bank and create smiles and full tummies for the children in our City?

Classroom to moon walking challenge

The Infant School are taking part in the City wide walking challenge to collectively 'walk to the moon' with all the health benefits that this involves. Please let me know if you are adding to this journey by sending in photos or pictures of the walks that you take part in over the next month. All pictures and photos will be rewarded with a Head Teacher challenge sticker.

Whatever the weather (I think it is going to be wet) I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with lots of walking and hopefully lots of reading indoors in the dry when it is too wet or dark to be outside. Some intrepid families are off camping this weekend so I do hope that their tents are waterproof!

Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher