



## Hyde Park Infant School

Hyde Park Road, Mutley

PLYMOUTH PL3 4RF

Tel: Plymouth (01752) 225493

[www.hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk](http://www.hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk) email: [hpis@horizonmat.com](mailto:hpis@horizonmat.com)

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019



Dear Parents,

There is a lovely aroma of chocolate in the school with chocolate nests being made in the Foundation Classes. My assembly today has been about making a chocolate egg during WWII using ration stamps and a chocolate mould which I demonstrated quite convincingly using brown paint and PVA glue! The children have learnt about saving up for something special and working collaboratively to achieve a goal.

### Hyde Park Infant School's Skipathon

In groups of 10 throughout the day, Mrs Milburn put the children through their paces with skipping games, activities and some pure skipping too. Every child was awarded a skipping sticker and 3 children from each class had special certificates for being most improved, most stylish and best endeavour. Please encourage the children to keep up this skipping habit which is healthy in itself, lots of fun and has an unexpected side effect of improving handwriting too!

### Forest skills at Saltram

The children in Beech, Willow and Poplar class have been enjoying a trip to Saltram this week and practised their skills of den making, team activities and leaning 'in the wild'. Lots of lovely feedback from the public and staff about great behaviour and creditable actions. Well done to all the children and a thank you to staff and all our parent volunteers.

### Sycamore Class Assembly

Parents with children in Sycamore Class are invited to their assembly on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Considerate parking

Please be considerate when parking near the school and do not block residents' driveways. If this polite request is ignored, I am informed by several residents that they will be contacting the Council's parking enforcement department.



### Red Nose Day

Well done to all the children who dressed up, donated money and took part in our red nose day activities. As a school we raised £288.10 which has all be sent off to support Red Nose Day causes.

### Free School Meals

All Infant children are entitled to a free school meal and there is a revised menu to enjoy from after Easter. Please encourage your child to try a school lunch. Paul, our chef, is able to provide lovely food for children with food allergies and for those that have food preferences. Please contact him in the kitchen during school sessions between 8 and 9 am on 603510 to discuss your child's food needs.

### Summer uniform

When we return to school on 24<sup>th</sup> April, children may wear summer uniform if you deem the weather to be warm enough. Summer uniform consists of summer dresses or shorts. In preparation for the weather being sunny, please provide your child with a sun hat with a wide brim to protect your child's face from the sun. In very sunny weather, a long sleeved top and long trousers may be worn. Further information about keeping safe in the sun will be issued next term. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named including hats.

### Outstanding school trip money

Over £600 is still owed by parents for school trips and I ask politely but with some urgency, that monies are paid, please. The payment needs to be made through School Money. This debt needs to be recovered in order to avoid any impact on much needed resources for the children.

### Head Teacher Challenge

Being read to and reading to an adult is such a special time so I want to focus my Head Teacher Challenge on doing both of these over the holiday. Every child would benefit from being read to every night before bed and every child could improve their reading competence and enjoyment by reading every day to an adult. I wonder how many children and their families will be able to meet this challenge every day? The prize is the joy of reading itself but there will also be a Head Teacher Sticker for children who come and tell me about their reading opportunities over the holiday.



---

May I wish you all a very Happy Easter and a lovely family break this springtime.

Yours sincerely,

*E.A. Hill*

Head Teacher