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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all children in Y1 and Y2 and you, our parents. I am looking forward to finding out about your holiday adventures and am already enjoying looking through the holiday scrapbooks that have been brought lovingly into school. I had a joyous time with the marriage of my daughter, Rosie and have also been busy with my bees as they now need feeding sugar syrup so that they can hopefully survive the winter.

The children have settled well into their new classes and are trying their best to aspire to be great learners. In assembly today I read a story about a fledging eagle that had to trust in his ability to fly with encouragement from his parents. I made it very clear that we would not be doing any flying but that the children needed to trust in themselves, the teachers and their parents to help them make brave choices as learners and to keep trying.

Exciting learning

In Year One the children are delving into an 'Animals' project and the classroom have been full of children investigating, discussing, drawing and writing about their discoveries.

In Year Two the children are exploring the topic of 'Plymouth our City' and are preparing to go out on foot next week to explore the local environment and to picnic in the park. All staff have been impressed with the positive start that the children have made although some children have some 'catch up' to do as they have 'forgotten' some of the basics.

The new Early Years children will be joining us on Monday and I feel sure that our existing children will make them feel welcome and staff are certainly well prepared to help them begin their learning journey at Hyde Park Infant School.

Some reminders ...

- Sensible shoes – no trainers or boots please
- School uniform – summer or winter depending on the weather
- Always send your child to school with a coat please
- Hair bands and bows to be **small** and all children with long hair need to have it gripped or tied back so that their hair doesn't impede their work or their vision when playing in or outdoors
- **No** earrings please. If ears have been recently pierced, please send your child to school with their earlobe taped up until the piercing has settled (6 weeks).
- Names on all clothing please



- Please wash and fill water bottles on a daily basis. The school water bottles are preferable as they fit into the desk water containers but if you wish to send your own, please send one with the circumference of the base of the bottle no larger than the school bottles. If you need a new school bottle they are available from the office at a cost of £1.50
- Please exit the playground swiftly in the morning once your child has entered the school building and also exit off the playground swiftly with your child at the end of the day.

Head Teacher's Challenge

The first challenge of the new academic year is to send in a photograph/drawing of your child being active. I am looking for pictures of running, jumping, playing on outdoor equipment, at the park, the swimming pool, an organised game, gymnastics or anything that comes under the umbrella of being active and keeping fit. Please send in the pictures electronically or as a paper copy and they will be used as part of a display in the hall showcasing healthy active choices. I will have a special sticker ready for all the children who take part in the challenge.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead and the staff and I as well as the governors look forward to working with you and your child(ren) to provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment where every child can 'shine'.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher