

HTPD Playtime Revamp!

One of this year's school priorities is to improve playtimes for the children. If you would like to read a little more about this then please do read the attached information. We are asking parents and carers for help with this by donating particular items to the activities we want to set up.

Unfortunately we didn't have much success this week with construction donations, so we are putting out this plea again.

These may include large building blocks, octopieces, wooden blocks, plastic crates etc. These should be appropriate for children aged 6+. Please ask your child to take them to the undercover area in the playground where we will store them ready for use after half term. If you have any questions on items you may like to donate then please do contact Georgie (georgief@htpd.surrey.sch.uk).



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As a part of this year's school's development plan, we are putting a key focus on developing a sense of belonging and inclusion for all. We know that playtime is a huge contributor to how included children feel in school. Playtimes offer opportunities for children to: develop their social skills and imagination; learn to co-operate with others and value differences; be active and try new things; have opportunities to take some risks and safely make mistakes.

What we have done already:

- Set up clearer routines for lining up, tidying up and moving between areas
- Asked the children how they want their playtimes to improve
- Offer more lunchtime clubs

Plans for the future:

- Whole staff training on the importance of play and helping children with disputes
- Whole staff training on ideas to guide/encourage play
- Areas to be set up for more collaboration, imaginative play and learning new skills
- More choice during play; offering more activities and some guided activities

How can you help?

For this term we will be asking parents and carers to look out for a weekly ParentMail asking for donations of particular equipment such as complete card games, board games, construction equipment etc.

Talking to your children about their playtimes and showing an interest in this important part of their day is important too. Find out who your children played with that day, what they did, and whether they learnt anything during their play.

The children have already come up with a playground charter they have agreed with each other to respect and follow, and so we are sure that they will be both thankful and respectful of any new equipment that they receive. Here is what the children collectively came up with for their playtime charter:

- 1) Be inclusive and BE KIND!**
- 2) Respect the school grounds, nature and our equipment**
- 3) Respect others' choices and their personal space**
- 4) Share and be helpful**
- 5) Pick up any rubbish**
- 6) Listen to ALL adult instructions**
- 7) Remember to be a good sportsman and have fun!**

Remember to use "Stop it I don't like it." If someone doesn't listen to you, then go and get help from an adult.