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## Service Families Newsletter – Autumn Term

Welcome to the first Service Families Newsletter! The aim of this newsletter is to make sure you are aware of some of the resources available in school and through the RAF High Wycombe HIVE to support children with a parent on deployment and also during times of transition.

Tracey Clark is the HIVE Information Officer at RAF High Wycombe, (the HIVE is located in the building on the left as you enter 3 site). Tracey has access to several deployment based resources such as colour-in pillow cases, vouchers for huggable heroes and memory jars. Tracey and her team are also responsible for organising deployed activities. In the past these have included a chocolate making workshop and a trip to the Pantomime! Tracey can be contacted on 01494 497831.

Many of you will have heard your children talking about the new school library which opened in September. The children are having great fun choosing and changing their books! We now have a section for service families which includes fiction books on deployment and moving home. Mrs Wallace is very kindly sourcing some non fiction books on countries which our service families are deployed and posted to, which we hope to add to the display shortly. If anyone has any suggestions for books to add to our collection, please let me know!

Other resouces include:

- Reading Force is a shared reading project for Service Families. By completing the voucher enclosed in the scrapbook, families can claim a free book which they can share and read as a family. Scrapbooks are available from the school library or the HIVE.
- The Little Troopers website ([www.littletroopers.net](http://www.littletroopers.net)) is very informative and has lots of resources linked to deployment which are available to download.
- Storybook Wings is a free service provided by the RAF Association that allows service personnel, who are due to deploy, to record a bedtime story for their children. Each recording is professionally edited with sound effects and music. Recording facilities are available to book through the HIVE.
- The BFPO has recently announced its recommended posting dates for Christmas. These can be accessed at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

I have recently sourced a soft toy which I hope will be able to go on some travels with a deployed parent! The idea is for the deployed parent to take some photographs of our military teddy and to send them into school where they can be displayed and talked about. If we have any families willing to participate, please get in touch.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break,  
Julie Spinks, Family Liaison Officer.

If you would like any resources to support your child whilst a parent is on deployment, please get in touch with either myself (via the school office) or Tracey Clark at the HIVE.



