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Service Families Newsletter – Autumn Term

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer break. A very warm welcome to the families that have joined us this term. I hope you enjoy your time here with us.

As always, can we ask that you make us aware of any deployments, either through myself, your child's class teacher or the school office. We can then make sure your child is supported where necessary. Children are given the opportunity to send letters, pictures and e-mails to their deployed parent so if your child wishes to do this, please pass details of e-mail and BFPO addresses on to us also.

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, countdown charts and activity based books. Tracey and her team can also offer support to Service families during times of need and are also responsible for organising deployed activities. Tracey can be contacted on 01494 497831. Other useful resources include the Little Troopers website www.littletroopers.net Storybook Wings is a free service provided by RAFA that allows service personnel who are due to deploy, to record a bedtime story for their children. Again, Tracey in the HIVE can organise this for you.

If you know you are being posted in the near future, please let us know the details as soon as you can. This allows staff time to prepare books and reports for you to take to your child's new school and also for us to complete some transition work with your child to prepare them for the move.

Back in May, we submitted a grant application to the Armed Forces Education Trust for funding to employ a full time teaching assistant to support Service children in school. We are delighted to announce that we were successful in our application! We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Martland who joined us at the start of term and who will be working with some of our Service children during this academic year.

Kind Regards

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. Our school library has a selection of books available covering deployment and moving.

