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Service Families Newsletter – Spring Term

A very warm welcome to the families that have joined us this term. I hope you enjoy your time here with us.

We currently have several families in school where a parent is deployed, and we always 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.

Many of you responded to my request for information regarding the affects of Service life on you and your children for which I was very grateful. Despite a strong case and support from the Station, we were unsuccessful in our bid for funding to make improvements to our playground. The MOD Education Support Fund received 224 applications from schools across the country, with only 76 being successful, (some of those 76 only being awarded partial funding). There will be another bidding round (with a smaller fund and stricter eligibility criteria) opening in June. We will therefore look to adjust and resubmit our application later in the year.

Whilst we are always sad see pupils move on from our school, we are aware that some of you will be being posted between now and the end of the school year. With this in mind, we would be grateful for as much notice of any postings as possible, although we appreciate that this can be difficult! This allows the teaching 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. It is also useful to be able to give Service families moving into the area, an idea as to whether we can offer their child/ren a place at our school, and therefore help to reduce one of the stresses of postings!

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.

