



# Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

September 2017

Dear Parents,

**Welcome to Yr 1!** All the children have come into Year 1 keen and ready to learn.

**Our curriculum:** Please check our long term plan, which will soon be updated on the school website; there you will find a breakdown of what we will be doing in each term for each subject.

**Our theme this half term:** We are beginning the year by focusing on Toys.

**Reading:** The school reading books are organised in numbered steps. An adult in school will change your child to the next step when we feel it is appropriate. However, if you feel that your child is ready to move on to more challenging books, please make a note for us in their reading diary. The children can change their books as frequently as you/they prefer. The best time to for the children to change books is first thing in the morning, as soon as they come in.

**Daily reading:** We hear children read all sorts of texts across the curriculum in school. It will really benefit your child for you to read with them as often as you can as well. A little each day is better than one long session a week. Please do make a note in their reading diaries of any reading they do at home. The expectation is that you will hear your child read at least four times a week.

**Hearing readers at school:** The children's reading improves so much more quickly with frequent practice. We would welcome volunteers into the classroom to hear children read - grandparents are welcome too! This can be in whatever way suits you best; weekly or occasional.

**PE:** Our PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has their kit with them and that earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back.

**PE outdoor shoes:** The children find it easier outside in trainers. These need to be named, and only with laces if they can do them independently please.

**Homework:** Maths and spellings will be given out later this half term. More details will follow.

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**Water bottles:** Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school.

**Other parental talents:** We are very keen to welcome parents into the classroom. So if you have a talent (e.g. cooking), a hobby (e.g. rock collecting), or a job (e.g. at a recycling centre), that the children would be interested in, please do let us know.

**And finally:** If you would like to speak to us about anything, do please come and find us. It is easier for us after school, as we tend to be focused on welcoming the children into school in the morning. Alternatively, feel free to jot down a note to us if that is easier.

Our aim is for your child to be very happy in Year 1, that they enjoy school and are motivated and excited by our curriculum. We value your support in helping us achieve this.

Thank you,

Mrs Tracey and Mrs Richards

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