



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

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Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

September 2018

Dear Parents,

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

**Our curriculum:** Please check our long term plan 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 move 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 do this is first thing in the morning.

**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 diary 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 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 in school, 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.

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

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**Book bags and pencil cases:** Book bags are perfect for your child to carry their reading books and letters in; they also fit into their drawers. We would encourage all children to use the school book bag rather than bring in a larger backpack - our cloakroom can become very cluttered and it really helps if we can reduce the amount of bags in there. In Year 1 the children do not need to bring in a pencil case; we provide all the equipment they need.

**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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