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Welcome Back

We've got to the end of our first full week back in school and it has been a very successful one. The children have settled into school exceptionally well and are getting used to the new routines we have set up. Regular handwashing already seems second nature to all the children. Each class has access to a sink and teachers have organised speedy routines with their classes so as little time as possible is wasted through the day.

Over the first week, teachers have concentrated on getting to know the children, getting them back up to speed with learning in school and doing assessments for reading so children have the correct book to take home. Every class has a Class Charter with the school Vision and Values being prominent alongside this.

I would also like to give a special welcome to our new Reception children and their families. Starting school for the first time is an important step in every child's lives and considering the current situation, you would have thought they had been coming to school for years! Amy Walton and Sandra Ashman have both said how wonderful they all are and how proud they are of how they have come in each day. Well done, Reception!

Positive Behaviour

The children's behaviour this week has been excellent. Rob Pepper and myself have been in and out of classrooms and on the playground all week and we have been very impressed with the polite and positive attitude of the children. We are using Class Dojo points this year with all classes so you will know when your child has received a positive behaviour or learning point through the app on your phone.

Alongside this, all classes have a 'reflection space' which is used for when children need a bit of time to get back on track. Some children may occasionally need a bit more time to discuss their behaviour. If that is the case, Rob Pepper will be sending home a Behaviour Slip in your child's Homeschool book. This is to help strengthen communication with parents and keep you informed.

This is explained in more detail in our updated Behaviour Policy which can be found at the following link (please note that children are not going to another class for a 3rd warning but will have time in the reflection space in class).

<https://www.buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=16>

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Drinks and Snacks

A quick reminder about playtime snacks. Children should only have one of the following for a snack at playtime:

- Fresh or dried fruit
- Fresh vegetables
- Cheese

No biscuits, crackers, dippers, sweets, chocolate, crisps, cakes, processed fruit bars or similar. These can be kept for lunchtime if a child is a packed lunch.

All children should have a drink in class which will be kept in a designated space. This must be water (unflavoured). If your child has a specific medical need which means they have to drink something other than water, please speak to a member of staff.

Some children will prefer to have squash or fruit juice at lunchtime as part of their packed lunch (no sports drinks). Please provide two drinks bottles for your child if that is the case. One for in class containing water and the other for lunchtime. Each bottle must go home to be washed at the end of the day.

PE Kit

The children will be doing PE twice a week. At present, they will only be getting changed for PE for one of these sessions. Class teachers will be contacting you on Class Dojo to inform you of when your child will need to bring in their PE kit.

Meet the Teacher

At the start of the school year, we like to organise 'Meet the Teacher' events after school. Unfortunately, we are not able to do that this year. Instead, we will be holding online meetings for each class. At these meetings, teachers will be sharing information about class routines, expectations and learning for the coming half term. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Reading Books

A love of reading is important for all children as it helps them to access the knowledge and skills they will need in the future. Every child in the school has a reading book and homeschool book. Please support us by ensuring that your child brings their reading book and homeschool book to school everyday. Children should be reading each day and their homeschool book is used to record their reading.

Have a great weekend and we'll see you next week,

Eddie Brown

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