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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have already completed three weeks of the new school year. Everyone has been so busy! Today, our Reception children came into Celebration Assembly for the first time. They listened amazingly, clapped their friends and other children and showed everyone how to walk out smartly, ready for playtime!

This week, some of our older children participated in a fancy dress fun run at Stover School. Apparently, it was a lot of fun even though they got a bit out of breath!! Next Monday, Becky Mason is in school from South Dartmoor College. She will be playing tennis with all the KS2 classes so make sure your child has suitable footwear in school on Monday. Over the coming weeks there are some other sporting events happening including a Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival and a multi-sports event for a group of children from across the school.

Reading at Buckfastleigh

This year at Buckfastleigh Primary School, we are going to be focusing on our reading engagement. Reading helps us to access the whole school curriculum and is a vital life skill.



This year, we have a special challenge and are aiming to become 'Reading Millionaires'. The challenge is to try and read 10,000,000 words between now and the end of term! We have a special totaliser which will be kept in the hall to help us to keep track of how we are doing. When we hit 10,000,000 words, the whole school will win a special surprise. You can help at home by encouraging your child to read regularly for at least 5 minutes.

In KS2, the children will be bringing home their Accelerated Reader book each night. This book is matched to their reading level and they will be quizzing on this. Every quiz that is completed contributes towards the 10,000,000 word target. The children will also be bringing home a book to share with you at home. This is an opportunity to sit down and enjoy a book in the evening or before bed. It may be a non-fiction book or a book that they require some help to read.

Poetry Boxes - This year, each class has a 'Poetry box'. Each week, one pupil will bring the box home. Inside the box there is a poetry book for you to enjoy together, a hot chocolate sachet and a note book with colouring pencils. We hope that you will sit down and enjoy a poem together. If you could send a photo to your child's class teacher on Dojo, we will add it to the display in the library.

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Drinks in Class

It is really helpful for all children to have a drinks bottle with water in it which they keep in class. If they would like a flavoured drink, this should be separate and kept for lunchtime only.



Snacks at School

At the start of the year, we always like to send out a reminder about playtime snacks. These are limited to fresh fruit or veg or cheese. While there are other healthy snacks available in the shops, we have limited the choice to these three to make it clear and simple for everyone. Thank you for your help with this.

Breakfast Club, After-School Club and Lunch Bookings

Thank you to everyone who is using Parent Pay to book lunches or wraparound care. This is a big help to the office and allows them to work more efficiently. It also prevents the build-up of unpaid bills which can accumulate quite quickly. Please use Parent Pay to pre-book as often as possible rather than calling on the day to order a lunch or book after-school club.



Clubs

A clubs letter will be going out shortly. Please keep a look out on Class Dojo.

Have a great weekend,

Eddie Brown

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