

Dear Year 1 parents,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year and all the children seem to have settled in well. Spending lots of time outdoors in our lovely school grounds has been the perfect place for re-establishing friendships and making new relationships.

We understand that these first few weeks can be tricky for everyone so felt it would be useful to touch base and hopefully answer any queries.

### **Snack**

Fresh fruit will now be available each day for your child but please feel free to send an alternative healthy option (fruit or vegetable) should you wish to.

Children have access to drinking water throughout the day so please ensure that they have a clean drinking bottle in school daily. Water is essential in supporting your child to concentrate and maintain energy levels at school.

### **PE**

Thankyou for supporting us so well by sending your child into school in their PE kits on Tuesdays and Fridays. Black leggings or joggers are most suitable as PE will be often be taught outside.

### **Reading books**

As soon as all the reading books have been returned and organised your child will bring a book home. In line with Covid guidance books will now be sent home on a Monday and changed on a Friday. Research has shown that children benefit from reading a book 3 times when learning to read. So please ensure that even if you think your child has found it easy you do read again—this embeds new learning into the long term memory.

### **School Values**

Your child has been introduced to the school values and corresponding characters Respectful Ricky, Responsible Robin, Aspirational Amy and Kindness Kevin. Throughout the school day if your child is seen demonstrating one of these values they will put their name on the star. They can then put their name into the privilege chest and may be pulled out of the chest on Monday. This means they will have a special job for the week; one of these is 'show and tell' everyday. If your child has this privilege please discuss with them what they will bring in and why they are choosing it- it can be anything!

We would like to thank you for your support in following the new guidelines and assure you that we are doing everything we can to make sure that your child is safe and happy at school. We are always available on the door at the beginning and the end of the days for any queries. We can also be contacted during school hours on our class email addresses:

beech@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk

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Kind regards,

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