BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you and your families have had a lovely summer, although it already seems a long time ago. The children have only been with us for a little while and already they are impressing us with their enthusiasm and hard work.

Welcome Meeting
We look forward to seeing lots of you at our Welcome meeting on **Wednesday 22nd September at 9:15am** in the hall. There we will be able to chat to you, tell you about the changes from Year R to Year 1 and answer any questions you may have.

Learning Challenge
This term our Learning Challenge is based all around Toys and the question **"Does a toy have to be shiny and new to make it worth playing with?"** You will be able to see the range of work we are covering on our attached topic plan. If you have any questions or suggestions for us please see one of us at the door. Our 'WOW' event this term will be our **"Terrific Toys" day**, where children can bring in a wheeled toy (bike, scooter, trikes etc) to play with in the playground. We will also be looking at different types of toys on this day, and our teacher's toys too! This will be on **Tuesday 28th September.** We will send a ParentMail out to remind you nearer the time, and we will ensure all bikes/scooters will only be used by your child and kept outside.

Spellings
Spellings will start after half term, and we will send a letter to explain how the process works with the first set of spellings.

PE
PE will take place weekly on a **Tuesday** afternoon this term. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and will stay in them all day. Please make sure their footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE, and if it is a chilly day they will need a school jumper to wear as well. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back on these days and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape.

Reading

This year we will be continuing to take part in the '**Reading Race'**, where the class who has the most children reading three times a week at home receives a class reward such as a non-uniform day. It is so important to hear your child read as much as possible, and the children really do reap the rewards of regular reading. Don't forget, if your child reads <u>more than 3 times a week</u> they will be entered into the raffle to win a book to take home to keep. One child from each class is chosen every week to win a book. If your child has read the scheme books in their book bag (in the zippy wallet), then they can also get additional books every day from the colour banded boxes of books in the classroom.

It is our expectation that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week**, and this can be your child's book from school or other books you may have at home. **Please record** this in your child's reading record (the 'monkey' books).

Homework Grid

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on **Mondays** and they will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. Homework will be displayed on our Home Learning board and children given a sticker to celebrate their work.

Reminders

- This year we will be having one session of outdoor learning a week. Each child will need a pair of wellies in school in order for them to be fully involved.
- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team