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Dear Parents,

The children have been welcomed back to the New Year and new and exciting challenges. We also welcome children from two other Plymouth schools and a family from France too.

In assembly we have had the theme of **perseverance** with stories and examples to encourage children to *keep trying even if it is tricky*. I thought this theme would make an excellent Head Teacher's challenge and there are some new holographic stickers on offer too. Please read on to see how your child could get involved as it is a challenge that every child can get involved in.

Mrs Hill's Head Teacher challenge

Your child could get involved in this perseverance challenge by:-

- Practising a physical activity (hopping, skipping, swimming etc.)
- Decorating the word 'Perseverance'
- Writing a sentence or a poem about persevering
- Drawing a picture
- Writing something neatly
- Spelling words that are tricky
- Writing down what you find tricky and what you are going to do about it
- Retelling a story with a perseverance theme
- Persevering with mathematical challenges
- Having a photograph taken of you that demonstrates perseverance
- Getting up on time or going to bed on time
- Trying new food

Just a few ideas for you to think about although I hope to be surprised by many more. Please send in challenges on Monday with your child's name and class so that I can award the new stickers and congratulate all the children who take part.



Music lessons with Vicky

Following a family bereavement, Vicky will be resuming music lessons on Tuesday 10th January. We all send our love to Vicky and family at this heartbreaking time.

Lunchtime gardening club

Lesley, one of our dinner ladies, encourages all interested children to help her with gardening at lunchtime and many children have taken up the offer. Lesley is hoping to create a planted wall of wellington boots. We need old wellingtons (they will not be returned) that the children have grown out of or have leaks. Preferably the wellingtons will be bright colours or be patterned/have pictures on and be child-sized. Please send in wellingtons at any point next week and place them at the front of our main hall.



I hope that you enjoy a lovely weekend and that you find time to help listen to your child read. At the early stages, this may require ‘perseverance’ but the gift of being able to read does open up so many opportunities for children and give them a lifelong leisure option too.

Yours sincerely

E.A. Hill

Head Teacher