



Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 12th September 2016

Dear Parents

We have continued to enjoy getting to know your children and helping them to settle in to school life and routines this week. It has been lovely to see the children making connections with adults, building and developing friendships and exploring our grounds at playtimes, as well as being engaged in their learning. This is even more impressive when they have had to do so in such unseasonal heat!

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about the importance of our hands and the children thought of many creative and inventive ways in which our hands are used, from clapping and eating, through to waving and sewing! The importance of kind hands was discussed too.

Your children have been learning or revising the sounds 'm', 'a', 't' and 's' over the course of the week. They have been practising writing and recognising their names and created a labelled illustration of their favourite place. We have continued to practise counting accurately using all sorts of different resources, both indoors and outdoors. The children were very excited to discover which bird family they are in and each child has made a picture of their family bird.

Swimming groups have been organised and swimming for Reception will start on Monday 26th September. Please find attached the swimming groups and days, so that you know when to bring in your child's swimming bag. This can then be taken home after they have swum and returned the following week.

Please could you ensure that your children do not wear any jewellery to school as per our uniform requirements. Many thanks.

Over the weekend your child may like to:

- Practise writing numerals 1 – 9, concentrating on the correct formation.
- Practise writing their name in their special book.
- Find objects in your house beginning with m, a, t or s.

Dates for your Diary:

PTA Family Swim Club is moving to Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00.

Learning through play is a fun and effective way to increase your child's skills in the pool and these sessions provide the opportunity to play with the floats and dive for the sinkers under the watchful eye of Miss Bryant who is a fully qualified lifeguard.

All Town Close families are warmly invited to a free trial session on **Wednesday 21st September**. Please meet in the swimming pool foyer at 4:00pm with your swimming things. Full information about how to join for the term or come to sessions on a one-off basis will then be sent to parents next Friday.

Thursday 6th October – 5.00pm onwards: 'settling in' parents' evening. Parents will be able to book an appointment slot from 4.00pm on Monday 19th September – please see full booking instructions below.

Online booking system: Log into the Parents' Area of the School's website using the username: **parents** and the password: **children**. Click on 'Pre Prep Area' (in the right hand column) followed by the link 'Pre Prep Parents' Evening' (in the right hand column). Enter your child's name in the box and press 'submit'. You will see a list of times – please click on one of the 'Book' buttons.

Friday 21st October – 8.30am-10.00am: Grandparents' coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall and visit to the classrooms.

Friday 21st October: Break up for half term

Monday 7th November: Start of second half of term

Tuesday 6th December – 8.30am-10.00am: Reception coffee morning in the Pre Prep hall followed by the Reception Christmas production in the Read Hall.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing, Mrs Brown and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries