



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents

We continue to be impressed with how well your children are settling into School and are sure that they will have much to tell you over the weekend, and will be ready for plenty of rest and relaxation time!

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked to the children about The Town Close Way and its important message about caring, in all senses of the word! We also introduced the Bird Families to the children, and Reception children will shortly be allocated to one of our three families: Barn Owl (yellow), Kingfisher (blue) or Avocet (red). Children with siblings further up the Pre Prep will be in the same Bird Family and will join together for Bird Family meetings on Wednesday mornings. They will also be able to begin to gather tokens for their bird families.

This week the children have enjoyed settling into their new classrooms and exploring the outside learning environment. Our focus has been 'ourselves' and the children have shared their summer holiday scrapbooks and talked about what they enjoy doing at home and school. They have visited the School library and explored the wider School grounds by completing a spotter's guide to the gardens and buildings. The four classes enjoyed their first dance lessons with Mrs Wilson and also learned new songs with Miss Skinner in their music lessons. We have read a range of books and also talked about our favourite stories. Our focus in maths has been counting in ones to 10 and beyond. In our literacy lessons we have focused on the sounds 'm' and 'a'.

We are keen that all of our children are fully settled before introducing them to swimming lessons. Miss Bryant (our swimming teacher) will come over and spend time with the Reception children, in order to get to know them a little before sessions begin.

Over the weekend please look through your child's special book and ask them to tell you about what they have been doing in their new class. Your child might also like to share their library book with you.

If you are a parent or family new to the School, please find enclosed in your child's book bag this evening, a sign with your child's name on to use in your car when you use our 'Stop and Collect' facility. If you would be so kind as to hold or prop it up in the windscreen to help us see it more easily, we would be grateful, especially while we are still learning the new cars! For current parents, if you need a replacement sign, please contact Mrs Stackwood in the office on [preprepsec@townclose.com](mailto:preprepsec@townclose.com).

Please do ensure that you wear your Town Close parent lanyards whenever you come onto the School site. This is something we check regularly! Thank you.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Class and individual 'Bentley' school photographs

**Please note that the children will be photograph wearing their blazers.**

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 5.00pm onwards:** 'settling in' parents' evening. Parents will be able to book an appointment slot from Monday 19th September – full booking instructions will follow in next week's curriculum information letter.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Break up for half term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Start of second half of term

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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*