



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 3rd September 2018

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed welcoming all of the children to Reception this week. We had lots of fun playing in the classrooms and exploring the wider school grounds. The children have had plenty of opportunities to mix with peers across the whole year group. They have been painting, building, dressing up, making, computing and lots more.

Our children have been to two assemblies this week in the Pre Prep hall. On Wednesday, Mrs Harries welcomed everybody and talked all about preparations we make in getting ready for school, such as buying new shoes! This led on to talk about how proud we can feel in our new shoes, but that they can also feel slightly uncomfortable at first, much like first day butterflies, which soon settle. Today, we enjoyed a celebration assembly, congratulating children on their first successful days in school, talking about safety in the playground and singing our special birthday song to our pupils who have birthdays this week.

We travelled around the school completing a tick-list of key places, such as the library and the swimming pool. If you are walking through the grounds with your child, you might like to encourage them to point out some of these key places.

Some classes have had the first of their weekly visits to the school library where they met our school librarian Mrs Wootton. Books borrowed from the library need to be returned to school by the following week in order for your child to select another one.

We have been counting to 10 and beyond. The children had fun hiding teddies in numbered pockets on a parachute and counting them out one-by-one as they shook the parachute.

The children have been introduced to a phonics game we call 'speed-sounds', in which we chant the alphabet sounds. You can learn more about the ways in which we teach reading in our 'Introduction to Reception' meeting on Thursday.

Over the coming weekend, you might like to play a game of 'I spy' with your children to encourage them to hear and say the initial sounds in words.

### **Information evening for Parents**

We look forward to welcoming parents to the Pre Prep hall on Thursday evening next week at 6pm. We will have drinks and nibbles and a chance to meet other parents and

Reception staff, before the Reception team tell you about the Reception curriculum. There will also be lots of opportunities to ask questions. We hope you can join us.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Bentley Photographic individual and class photographs

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 6.00pm:** 'Introduction to Reception' meeting in the Pre Prep Hall

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 4.30 pm - 7.30pm:** Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall. Details of how to book appointments to follow.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** Pre-Prep Science Week

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am - 3.00 pm:** Reception trip to High Lodge, Thetford

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm:** Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall – Further details to follow.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November –** Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am - 9.45am:** 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 and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*