



Pre-Prep News

8 September



A warm welcome to everyone and especially to all our new children and parents:

Pre-School - Sophie, Seth, Fiona, Charlie, Brychan, Paul, Lilly, Lottie and Lauren

Reception - Stasha, Maisy, Matilda, Alexander and Hero

1AL - Louis and Arthur

2SN - Molly

First week of the Autumn Term - a parent asked their child 'Have you had a good first day at school?' The reply was 'No, it wasn't good it was brilliant!'



The Start of the School Day

Children who arrive before 8.20 am 'The Early Birds', should be taken to the Library where a member of staff will look after them. *Pre-Prep staff have an early meeting every Wednesday morning finishing at 8.20.*

Between 8.20 and 8.30 children should go straight to their classrooms where staff will be ready to greet them.

Children who arrive after 8.30 should be taken to the classroom and parents must inform Mrs. Berron of their child's arrival so that they can be entered in the register.

'Cool Learning'

Our assemblies this week have been on the theme of 'Cool Learning' and through role play and discussion we have thought about the things which help us to learn. We have covered the importance of listening and concentrating, eating well, getting plenty of sleep, drinking water, helping each other and perseverance. On Friday we are having a whole school healthy breakfast. There will be porridge, cereals, fruit and smoothies on the menu to encourage the children to eat well at breakfast time.

Explore Day

Information received by parents during the holiday stated that Monday 12 September would be Explore Day in the Pre-Prep - due to timetabling issues we have changed the day to Tuesday 13 September.

There is a lot of information in this week's newsletter so if there is anything you are not clear about please ask your child's class teacher or Mrs. Mitchell who will be happy to help.



Elderberry and Blackberry Cordial

On Wednesday, the Y1 children picked lots of delicious blackberries in the orchard - the birds have stripped the elderberries! Back at school they made cordial replacing the elderberries with raspberries from the school garden. They would like to share the recipe with you

- 350g elderberries
- 350g blackberries
- caster sugar - see method
- 1 tbsp lemon
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1tsp citric acid

Add fruit to a large pan with 150ml water, cover with a lid and cook for 5-6 mins until juices run freely. Cool a little and crush fruit with a potato masher.

Strain the berries through a muslin lines sieve into a clean bowl. Measure the juice and add an equal amount of sugar (600g sugar to 600ml of water).

Pour juice back into pan and add lemon juice and cinnamon. Stir and heat gently until sugar dissolves bring to the boil and boil for 1 minute. Discard the cinnamon, stir in citric acid and pour immediately into bottles. Store in the fridge when cool. Shake before use.



Millfield Minis

Millfield Minis our parents and toddler group now runs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10-11.30am. Please contact Mrs. Hooper or Mrs. Berrow if you would like further details.

LAMDA RESULTS JUNE 2011

Congratulations to the following children -

Introductory Examination	
Grace	Distinction
Jacie	Merit
Cisca	Merit
Preparatory Examination	
India Rose	Distinction
Adam	Distinction
Annabel	Distinction
Philippa	Merit
Edgar	Merit
Samuel	Merit
Rebecca	Pass

Autumn Term Activities

After-school activities begin on

Monday 12 September

The activity and after school lists will be on display in the entrance hall and the Pre-Prep Notice Board.

Please note the following important activity information:

Monday

Creative Dance Tadpoles - please speak to Pre-School regarding collection.

Creative Dance Frogs children to be collected from the chestnut trees.

Reception Dance - children to be collected from the classroom (children not taking part will be brought down to the chestnut trees as normal)

Modern and Tap Y1/2 - children to be collected by parents from the Pre-Prep Hall at 4pm.

Collection at 4pm for all other activities from the chestnut trees.

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Ballet please collect children for the Pre-Prep Hall.

Thursday

(Please note - Pre-Prep staff are involved in staff meetings and training on Thursdays.)

Riding 3-3.30pm and 3.30-4pm Children may be collected from the stables.

Friday

Riding 3-3.30 and 3.30-4pm Children may be collected from the stables.

Collection after other activities from the chestnut trees as normal at 4pm.

After school care

Crèche - from 3.15-4pm is for children who have older siblings taking part in the Pre-Prep activity programme. There is a charge for other parents who use this facility.

Late club - from 4-5pm is for children with older siblings in the rest of the Prep and working parents. There is a charge for all who use this facility. A light tea is provided for these children.

Homework and supper - from 5-6pm children will have a hot meal in the dining hall and should be collected from there at 6pm. There is a charge for all who use this facility.

Uniform etc.

Please make sure that all items of uniform are named clearly. All children need their PE bags in school and also all Pre-School and Reception children need a pair of named wellingtons.

Play Equipment

In the interests of safety, parents must not allow their children to play on the wooden climbing frame etc. in the playground at drop off or collection times. They are for use only when supervised by a member of staff during the school day.