



REIGATE ST MARY'S  
PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to Kindergarten! We hope you have had a lovely summer. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year with your children.

Our topic for the Autumn Term will be *Our Wonderful World*. This half term we will be focusing on the theme *Ourselves*. The seven areas of learning will be delivered through a wide range of activities and experiences both inside and outdoors. During the first few weeks we will be helping the children to settle into Kindergarten routines. We will also be talking about ourselves and our families.

As a school we focus on one thinking skill and one value for each half term which are woven into every aspect of school life. Our value is *Courage* and our thinking skill is *Good Judgement*. We will be incorporating these into our everyday activities and experiences.

### **Photographs**

Please could your child bring in a photo of themselves as a baby, and a family photo. If it is easier, you can email the photos to the school office marked for the attention of Kindergarten. Please could we have the photos by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Book of the Week**

We love reading books in Kindergarten so we thought it would be nice if the children had the opportunity to share their favourite book with the class. We have put together a rota for the year so each child has a chance to share their favourite book from home. Please help your child to choose an appropriate book and bring it into school during their allocated week. We will put a copy of the rota into your child's book bag during the first week of school.

### **Uniform and belongings**

Please ensure ALL belongings are clearly labelled, including shoes, wellies and lunch boxes. The children will sign in and hang their coats up as they come into the classroom, then put their book bag into their tray. The trays are located in either the Rhyming Rabbits area or the Counting Crocodiles area and we will show you on the first day where to locate them.

## **Communication**

We will send your child's new communication book home during the first week. Please keep the book in your child's book bag and check it daily for any messages. A member of the Kindergarten Team will also check the book on a daily basis. There will be a weekly timetable on the inside cover of the book, and we will write a note once a week to let you know what the children have been doing during the week. We also use the Tapestry website as your child's online learning journal, and if you do not already have login details for this, you will receive them shortly.

## **Afternoon Activities**

Our afternoon activities are:-

Monday – Games

Tuesday – Art

Wednesday – Science

Thursday – Cookery and Crafts

Friday – Outdoor Exploring

We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead. We have an open door policy so please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Kindergarten Team if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards

The Kindergarten Team

## **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Curriculum Evening 7pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Grandparents Day 9am

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival 9.45 am  
Parents Evening from 4.30 pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening from 6pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Around the World Disco

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Multicultural Picnic

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert 9.30 am

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Open classroom followed by Lower School Carol Service 9.30 am

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – FOSMA Christmas Storytelling

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Kindergarten Christmas Party