



REIGATE ST MARY'S  
PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

June 2017

Dear Parents

We hope you and the children had a lovely break. We hope you are ready for a fun and busy end of term. We have lots of wonderful things planned. This half term our topic will be Amazing Animals. We start by looking at Farm animals and then end the term exploring Jungle animals. As the weather (is hopefully!) warming up, please can we remind you to ensure your child has named sunhat at school. Can we also ask that if you have second-hand uniform that you please rename this. We do have a lost property basket in Kindergarten, however if everything is correctly named then this will help.

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> June, Kindergarten will be taking part in the Big Toddle. We will also be having an animal day! Please can the children come to school dressed as their favourite animal. After the Big Toddle, we will be having lots of fun animal themed activities and games for the children to enjoy.

If the children want to bring a picture/item related to their favourite animal or an animal related experience, then please can we ask it is small enough to be put into their book bag and is not precious.

Our half-term value is reflection and our thinking skill is appreciation, we will be exploring these themes in circle times, asking the children what they appreciate and enjoy both at home and at school.

We are busy in Kindergarten preparing the children for their move up to Reception. They won't know that we are doing this.... it's all quite subtle and relaxed. Can we please remind you to say goodbye to your child at the red-door in the morning, please try to encourage your child to take their coat/jumper off independently. We will be visiting the dining hall on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> June. If your child normally goes home at 12:00 on this day, please could they bring a lunch box into school as we will be eating in the dining hall at 11:30 so they can experience this as well. Teachers sit and eat with Reception children in the Dining Room and lunch is a sociable occasion. We believe it is important to know the right way to use the cutlery and expect the children to be able to hold and use a knife and fork for the main course and a spoon for dessert. They will of course assist with any tricky cutting up, but other than this the children are expected to be able to confidently feed themselves. We promote table manners and good etiquette. If your child does not currently stay for a whole day we do recommend that they at least experience this once before jumping up to five full days in September.

If you have any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to have a fantastic end to the year.

Kind Regards

The Kindergarten Team.

Things to do to help your child at home:

- Ensure they are independent whilst going to the toilet.
- Encourage the children to dress themselves.
- Discuss animals with the children and why they are important, and why we need to look after them.
- Look at a variety of books about animals, non-fiction and fiction.
- Encourage the correct use of fork, knife and spoon.

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June-Sports Day**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June- Bocketts Farm Trip**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June- Father's Day Breakfast at 8:30 in the Sports Hall,  
followed by open classroom at 9:00. Lunch in the dining hall.**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Meet the teacher.**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>- Big Toddle plus Animal Dress Up Day**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July- End of Term at 12:00.**