



REIGATE ST MARY'S  
PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

### **Show and Tell**

Each Thursday Reception S will be having a Show and Tell lesson with Miss Shear.

This is when each child brings an item from home and explains to the class what the item is, why they chose that particular item, where they got it, and other relevant information. The 'audience' then asks questions about the item.

The activity may be structured in a number of differing ways; as a whole class activity, in small groups or in a pair and share format.

As well as being a very popular activity with the children these sessions greatly benefit speaking and listening skills; such as talking in front of others, explaining, asking questions and taking turns. It also builds self-confidence and self-esteem as well as expanding the children's vocabulary and general knowledge.

We would be grateful if you could help your child to select something to bring to school each Thursday if s/he is happy to do so. There will be a named box for your child to put their object into as they enter the class.

Examples of suitable objects may be:

- a photograph showing family members, pets, activities or trips,
- a postcard or souvenir from a holiday or visit to places of interest,
- an item from a collection,
- a craft item the child has made, a drawing or painting,
- a favourite book,
- a natural object such as an uncommon vegetable, leaf or rock,
- any odd or unusual object or curio.

Generally anything that is of interest to your child is probably of interest to others, items should be small and preferably unbreakable and not valuable or alive (unless by prior arrangement).

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely

Helen Squibb