



Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## WELCOME TO TOOTING PRIMARY SCHOOL - EYFS Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome all our Reception children and their families to the Early Years Foundation Stage at Tooting Primary School.

It has been great getting to know the children and helping them to settle into their classes.

Please note that from tomorrow (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept) the Reception children will be having their first lunchtime at school.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept School 8.45 am - 1.00pm (Children will have lunch at school)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept School 8.45 am - 1.00pm (Children will have lunch at school)

From **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** EYFS children will be attending school full-time from 8.45 am to 3.10pm.

Please say goodbye to your child in the playground as there is restricted space, near the coat pegs, for sixty children plus parents. Thank you for your co-operation.

Any important messages should be given to the member of staff at the door and these will be passed onto your child's teacher.

At the end of the day children will be dismissed from their classroom. Please wait for your child in the Early Years playground (not along the ramp). When the classroom doors open, please call out your child's name to the staff member. We would appreciate your patience so that children can be dismissed safely one by one as staff become familiar with children's parents and carers. Thank you.

School routines:

- **After-School Pick-Up** -Please ensure that staff are aware of arrangements for the after-school collection arrangements for your child at the end of the school day. If there is a change during the week it is important that the school are informed either by telling a member of staff or by telephone.
- **Uniform** - All items worn to school **MUST BE** clearly labelled including coats, uniform, PE Kit and shoes.
- **Book-Bags** - Please remember to check your child's book bags daily for letters
- **Healthy Snacks** - Children will be provided with a daily healthy snack.
- **Water Bottles** - Please provide your child with a clearly named water bottle. Water bottles will be sent home at the end of each day to be refilled.
- **PE Kits** - PE kits should be clearly labelled and left on your child's peg. PE kits will be sent home at the end of every half term to be washed.
- **Reading** -Please share a book/story with your child daily, encouraging him/her to talk about the pictures and answer questions about the story. Reading books and a Reading Diary will be sent home by October half-term.





## **EYFS Curriculum**

Our topic for the first half-term is '**You and Me**'.

As part of this topic children will be learning about their body/ keeping their body safe/growing from a baby/their family/their friends.

There will also be a focus on learning new names, settling in, learning routines and making friends.

Our Talk for Writing text is **The Little Red Hen**. This text will link to Harvest and a local trip to Tooting Market. Please see the attached curriculum map for further details.

## **Attendance**

To raise the awareness of how important good attendance is at school we are now running a weekly competition to see which class has the highest weekly attendance. In our Monday assembly, we will inform the children which class has the highest attendance, the class who wins the most throughout a half term will be awarded with a non-uniform day at the end of the half term. Just a reminder that our annual attendance target is 97%.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

### **School Assemblies**

Everyone is welcome! Our school assemblies will take place at 2.45pm on Fridays in the school hall. It would be lovely to see you all there.

Assembly dates will be given out in Weekly Newsletters and are available on the school website.

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6.00-7.00pm**

Phonics and Reading Information Session for EYFS Parents

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - HALF -TERM WEEK**

Please refer to the Reception Year 2016-2017 Booklet for further detailed information about school routines, curriculum and expectations.

We look forward to working in collaboration with you and your child. If you have any concerns/questions please feel free to come and ask a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

The Early Years Foundation Staff

**Mrs Mattison** (Mercury Class Teacher, EYFS and Key Stage 1 Coordinator)

**Miss Jackson** (Mercury Class Teaching Assistant Mon/Tues/Wed)

**Miss Gould** (Mercury Class Teaching Assistant Thurs/Fri)

**Miss Connatty** (Apollo Class Teacher)

**Miss Wilson** (Apollo Class Teaching Assistant)

**Mrs Rogerson** (Teaching Assistant across both classes Mon -Fri)