

Dear Parents

The Prep III girls have made a great start to the year, settling well into new routines and enjoying being the 'big girls' in the Preps. It has been lovely to meet new parents and also to be reunited with familiar faces as younger siblings move up the School. I am writing to inform you of some of the things that will be happening this term.

Morning Routine

Once the girls have had a settling in period I would ask you to encourage your daughter to be independent by saying goodbye to her in the playground and letting her come into the classroom on her own. This is an opportunity for her to become more responsible for her belongings and increase her organisational skills. Additionally, the entrance to Prep II and Prep III gets very congested. The Prep III classroom has the best views across the playground and four windows so you can see your daughter settle in the classroom and wave a cheery goodbye from outside as a proud parent of an independent Augustinian girl!

Parent Information Evening

On **Tuesday, 15th September there is a Parents' Information Evening at 7pm** for all Prep and Junior classes. To begin the evening Form Teachers will be speaking in the classrooms about their class routines, expectations, curriculum and events in the year ahead. At 7:30pm parents are invited to join Mrs Raffray and staff for refreshments in the cloisters. There is also an e-safety meeting at 8:15pm which all parents are welcome to attend.

Class Trips

As part of our Geography curriculum our first class trip (one of many to come) is to **Amersham Field Centre on Thursday, 1st October**. This is a very exciting day and the girls will be using maps to follow a trail through the woods, learning about different types of environments and working as teams to build shelters for their teddy bears.

We will also be visiting the **National Gallery on Thursday, 3rd December** to listen to a talk about Nativity paintings as part of our RE and Art curriculum, this is a very special trip that marks the start of Advent.

There are a limited number of places for parents who wish to assist on our trips so please let me know if you would like to help.

Show and Tell

We will start 'Show and Tell' during the week commencing Monday, 14th September. This is a wonderful opportunity for each girl to bring in something that interests them to show their classmates. They will have the opportunity to talk about it and answer questions from the rest of the class. The girls will be informed in advance when it is their turn for 'Show and Tell'.

Prep Parents Evening

There are two dates for Prep Parents Evenings after half-term: **Tuesday, 10th November from 4.00-6.30pm** and **Thursday, 12th November from 6.30-8.30pm**. This is with class teachers only – no subject teachers – and is held in the Prep 3 classroom. This is an opportunity to discuss your daughter's achievements and targets. More information about timings will be given nearer the time.

Nativity Play

It seems like a long way off but it's an important date for your diary! The Prep III Nativity play is on **Tuesday, 8th December at 2pm in the Chapel**.

Other Key Dates

Other important dates for your diary are:

Monday 21st September	100 Years Feast Day
Week beginning 28th September	Book Week
Friday 2nd October	Book Character Dress-Up Day
Monday 12 October	Individual school photos
Friday 23 October	Parents' Committee Fireworks Night
Week beginning 26 October	Half Term – school begins Monday 2 nd November at 8.30am
Week beginning Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 1 December	Pupils' Christmas Lunch
Friday 4 December	Parents' Committee Christmas Fayre and Own Clothes Day
Friday 11 December	End of Michaelmas Term (12 noon)
Thursday 7th Jan	Lent Term begins from 8.30am

Curriculum Grid

I have included an up to date copy of the Curriculum Grid for Prep III for this year for your information below. This will be explained in more detail at the Parent Information evening on the 15th of September.

Sharing your Faith

We have always been very fortunate in the Prep classes with parents who have come into School to share aspects of their faith such as celebrations, artefacts, storytelling, and food with the girls. If you would like to talk to Prep III (or another year group), about a religious festival that is celebrated this term please let me know.

Finally...

I am looking forward to teaching your daughters and an exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lubowiecka.

Prep 3 Curriculum Grid

Subject	Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
RE	The Chosen People	Mysteries	The Good News	The Mass	Eastertide	The Church is Born
English	<p>Fiction <i>What Would You Do?</i></p> <p>Poetry <i>Pattern, Rhythm and Rhyme</i></p> <p>Full stops Question and Exclamation Marks Introducing Nouns Introducing Verbs</p>	<p>Non-Fiction <i>All About Orang-utans</i></p> <p>Live Unit <i>Newshounds</i></p> <p>Adjectives Different sorts of sentences Revising Capital Letters</p>	<p>Fiction <i>A Twist in the Tale</i></p> <p>Word Detectives</p> <p>Adjectives Irregular Past Tenses Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives</p>	<p>Poetry <i>A Closer Look</i></p> <p>Non-fiction <i>Does Chocolate Grow On Trees?</i></p> <p>Noun Phrases The Progressive Form of Verbs Adverbs of Manner Using Suffixes</p>	<p>Fiction <i>Muddles and Mishaps</i></p> <p>Live Unit <i>Act It Out!</i></p> <p>Apostrophes for contractions Using suffixes</p>	<p>Poetry <i>Silly Stuff</i></p> <p>Non-fiction <i>What's the most unusual place to live?</i></p> <p>Using suffixes commas revision of grammar</p>
Maths	<p>Number and place value Mental addition and subtraction Mental multiplication and division Geometry: properties of shapes Statistics</p>	<p>Number and place value Measurement Mental addition and subtraction Geometry: position and direction Mental multiplication and division</p>	<p>Number and place value Mental addition and subtraction Geometry: properties of shapes Geometry: position and direction Measurement</p>	<p>Number and place value Mental multiplication and division Fractions, ratio and proportion Measurement Statistics Mental addition and subtraction</p>	<p>Number and place value Mental addition and subtraction Measurement Statistics Mental multiplication and division Fractions, ratio and proportion</p>	<p>Number and place value Measurement Mental addition and subtraction Mental multiplication and division</p>
Science	Uses of Materials	Living Things	Growing Plants	Changing Shape	Habitats	Feeding and Exercise
Geography	Where in the World is Barnaby Bear?	N/A	An Island Home	N/A	At the Seaside	N/A

History	N/A	Remembrance Day The Gunpowder Plot	N/A	Florence Nightingale	N/A	The Great Fire of London
Art	Aboriginal Art Christmas Activities		The Place where I live.		Under the Sea	
Music	Taking Off Nativity Play		What's the Score? Spring Concert		Rain, rain, go away Songs and Certificates	
PE	Multi Skills Body Dynamics (Gym) Invasion activities		Body Dynamics (Dance) Skipping Striking and Fielding		Athletics Striking and Fielding Skills	
P.S.H.E.	Our Happy School	Out and About	Looking Forward	My Friends and Family	Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds	Ready, Steady, Go!
Computing	We are astronauts	We are games testers	We are photographers	We are researchers	We are detectives	We are zoologists