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Dear Parents

The children have had a successful Spring Term filled with wonderful learning, both inside and out of the classroom. They have all achieved and I am proud of each one of them. After all their hard work they are ready for a holiday and I wish you all well!

The Summer Term will be upon us before we know it and we are excited about all that it holds. It is an action-packed time with lovely learning both inside and outside the classroom. In addition, we will venture further afield to enhance our school-based experiences. Accompanying this letter, you will find a comprehensive guide to Pre-Prep events for the summer term. Please try to find a moment to read it and make a note of important dates for your diary. It provides additional information for each event to guide those of us who are not yet so familiar with the calendar.

As the weather improves and the sun begins to shine a little more regularly, please provide your child with a **NAMED sunhat and water bottle**. Sun cream should also be applied before children arrive at school.

In addition to the usual PE kit, pupils from Reception to Year Two require the following NAMED items in school for **swimming lessons**:

- Swimming costume
- Large towel
- Swim cap (compulsory for boys and girls)
- Goggles (recommended)
- Rash vest/UV top for sun protection and due to wind chill
- Coat – essential to keep warm when out of pool
- Bobble hat – essential to keep warm when out of pool
- Swim bag – Please can it be large enough for little hands to get things in and out of and easy enough for the children to transport to and from the pool

Another feature of the next term, Owl Corner Tea is one of the many wonderful and unique events that takes place in the Summer term in Pre-Prep, the first of which will be on **Thursday 27 April** at 15:30. Children are invited to play whilst the adults enjoy time together over a cup of tea. Whilst Chef Richard and the team cater for the event, Owl Corner Tea is hosted by a different year group most Thursdays at the end of the school day and all parents and carers are invited to attend. May I please

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remind you that parents are responsible for their children at this time, and it is very important that they are supervised. The running of Owl Corner is weather dependent, and a message will be sent before 12.00 noon should we need to cancel. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

To further support our new parents, and to remind existing ones, I have outlined some useful pieces of information within this letter about day-to-day life in the Pre-Prep. If you are ever in doubt though, please just ask. Apologies to those of you who are already familiar with this information, but I feel it is important as a reminder if nothing more. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Transition is an important feature of the Summer Term, and we will spend time carefully preparing the children for their next step – whilst very much celebrating where they are currently at. We will look forward whilst continuing to support the children in the moment.

As you know, we believe that happy children learn best. Please do talk to us about anything, big or small, that you feel might support your child or support us in helping them. Together we can get it right. Once again, I would like to thank you so much for entrusting your children to us. We will be doing everything we can to give them a wonderful final term of the school year.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Claire Holly'.

Claire Holly
Head of Pre-Prep

Please see links below for ease:

[PP Summer Term 2024 Key Dates](#)

[Life in Pre-Prep](#)

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