

Welcome Parents/Carers of

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to Nursery at



**Prior Weston Primary School
and Children's Centre**

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TERM DATES (Inset dates to be confirmed)

Autumn 2018

Autumn term 1:
Wednesday 5th September to Friday 19th October 2018

Half term holiday:
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October 2018

Autumn term 2:
Tuesday 30th October to Friday 21st December 2018

Spring 2019

Spring term 1:
Tuesday 8th January to Friday 15th February 2019

Half term holiday:
Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Spring term 2:
Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April 2018

Summer 2019

Summer term 1:
Wednesday 24th April to Friday 24th May 2019

Half term holiday:
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

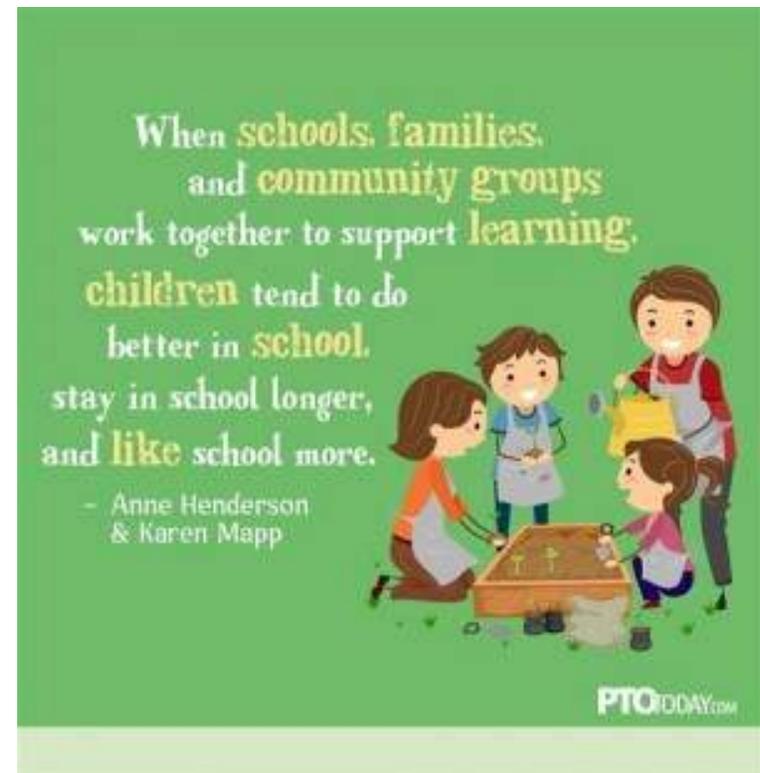
Summer term 2:
Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Inset Days

3rd September, 4th September, 29th October 2018,
7th January 2019, 23rd April 2019

Parent information

During the Autumn term there will be more information about how you can support your child with their learning at home. This will be through information booklets and parent workshops. Dates will be given at the start of the Autumn term.



Meet the Nursery team...

How Parents/Carers can help children prepare for school

- Talk to your child about going to school. Be positive!
- Talk to your child about what they think will happen or what they will do in school
- Help your child to become independent by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves, make choices, help tidy up, use the toilet and wash hands independently, eat using fork and spoon independently
- Encourage your child to practise social skills - taking turns, following directions, having a conversation and waiting a while for adult attention
- Talk to your child about the similarities and differences between nursery and the reception class
- Talk to your child about how they are feeling about starting school and leaving nursery or playgroup and their friends
- Read storybooks about starting school with your child
- Look forward to the change and if you have concerns talk to your child's teacher



Katy Devlin
Class teacher



Heidi Bentley



Maureen Chima



Carlanne Clayton

Your child's first day/week at school

To help settle as quickly as possible into their new class we know from experience that the following helps-



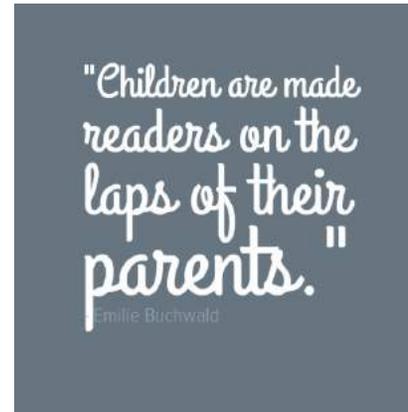
- The child is brought in by a parent / carer or very familiar adult.
- The adult should be prepared to stay in Nursery with them until the teacher agrees with you that it is appropriate to leave.
- When this has been agreed say goodbye with a smile and leave quickly.
- We assure you that if your child is having difficulty settling once you have left we will contact you.



Supporting your child's reading

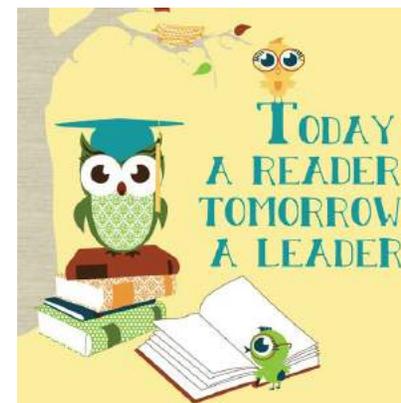
Here at Prior Weston we incorporate books into all aspects of our teaching and learning, whether reading for information or for pleasure.

To support this, we encourage parents/carers to select a book from the Nursery lending library outside the classrooms on a daily basis. They can then record this book choice in the class folder.



*You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.*

- Dr. Seuss



Family Service - School meals

In Prior Weston we use a type of meal service called Family service. Family service ensures that the children sit together at the same time and share the same meal; children will sit at the same table every day and on their table will be children from both Nursery classes.

In Nursery every table is supported by an adult who works with the children to help them serve their food, encourages them to eat and helps them learn to assist with clearing up after their meal.

The menu, which is healthy and nutritionally balanced, is set by our meal provider Caterlink and is cooked fresh on site each day. This is set on a termly and seasonal basis. It can be seen outside of the classroom. They will cater for vegetarians, medical dietary needs or allergies. The children drink water with their food.



Attendance and Punctuality

We want everyone to be in school every day. Regular attendance at school is important for children to achieve their greatest potential - we therefore ask you to ensure that your child attends Nursery every day. Our Attendance Officers monitor the attendance daily for every child in the school. If your child is sick, please inform the school office in person or by calling 020 7786 4800 and choose option 1 for Prior Weston School and Children's Centre and then option 2 for the absence line. We can then ensure that such absences are authorised as appropriate.

The classroom is open from 8:45am in time for school day to start at 9:00. If you are late please register your child at the school office before coming to the classroom. The school day ends at 3:25 so that parents may collect younger siblings first.



Indoor classroom



This is where we go to the toilet and wash our hands



Outdoor classroom



This is where we eat our lunch.



This is where we hang our coats



This is where we register for class in the morning



Curriculum

At Prior Weston, we deliver a curriculum based on a child centred approach, meeting individual needs across all areas of learning and development. The Early Years Foundation Stage framework describes the seven areas of learning and development which 'must be implemented through planned, purposeful play'.

It also states that 'practitioners must respond to each child's emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through warm, positive interaction'. We have a fantastic team of adults who put this into practice every day.

In addition the framework describes

Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning

- playing and exploring...
- active learning and creating
- thinking critically

These describe exactly the approach we take to learning in our Early Years Foundation Stage at Prior Weston.



Exploring

Throughout the year the Nursery children play, make friends, develop and learn. They have great fun, exploring and creating, indoors and outside. They gain independence and confidence and their natural curiosity is encouraged at all times.



Policy on Outdoor Play

- All children will be given the opportunity to play outside most of the day whatever the weather.
- It is important that you dress your child for school appropriately: warm clothes and waterproof coat when its cold and wet: sun hat and sun screen when its hot and sunny.
- Children get wet, muddy and messy when they play outdoors. Please dress your child in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- We teach children how to minimise how messy they get and they do get better as they get older, but its part of their learning and development.
- We will not compromise on allowing children to play outdoors as we believe it to be an essential component of young children's learning and development.
- Children must be allowed to experience the world around them in a full, messy, muddy, wet environment if they are to make useful meaning of it.
- We have taken medical advice that getting wet does not cause your child to catch a cold. If the cold is a virus a child will catch it regardless of whether they play indoors or outdoors.

We really hope that you embrace our outdoor policy and look forward to welcoming your child into reception.