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Dear Reception Parents,

**Letters and Sounds & Counting Workshop**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 10am**

May I start by welcoming you to the Pre-Prep and the beginning of the new academic year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are now looking forward to your child's Reception year.

The first year at school, as I know you are all aware, is very important as it is in this year that the children continue to build their foundations for future learning, particularly in reading development. During Reception, your child will learn how to read by learning the letters and sounds of the alphabet. The children are taught through a systematic method of phonics called 'Jolly Phonics'. The success of this method is through regular repetition and a partnership between home and school.

We propose to hold a short introductory workshop to explain how 'Jolly Phonics' works, the style of handwriting that will be taught and how you as a parent can help and support your child at home with reading, writing and counting. We would therefore like to invite you into school on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10am for a Letters and Sounds & Counting Workshop, which will be led by the Reception teaching staff and will take place in the Reception classrooms. (Entrance will be via the black gates at the rear of the Moat on Castle Hill.) The workshop is intended for parents only and on this occasion we request that children do not attend.

I look forward to seeing you and I would be grateful if you could complete the tear off slip at the bottom and return to your child's class teacher to indicate the number attending.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Lord  
Head of Pre-Prep

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