Owls minutes of PTA 3 Feb 2015
1. Please send a healthy snack to school. No sweets, chips or fizzy drinks. The children eat fruit and yoghurt at 10am and their lunchbox snack at 2pm. We provide pudding and sandwiches between 2.30 and 3pm. **Please note we have a child with a severe nut allergy in class. Please avoid sending any nuts to school!** (Products made in factories containing nuts are fine, just no products with nuts in it.)
2. Please label lunchboxes and juice bottles as there are many that look the same.
3. Please mark all items of clothing
4. There is a tub for lost property in class if you are looking for missing items.
5. The daily routine and themes for the term are up in class for you to see.
6. Breakfast ends at 8:15. No breakfast will be given after this time.
7. Please do not feed your child his/her breakfast. Say a cheerful goodbye. The teachers will help your child if they need help. Feeding themselves is an important life skill and it helps to develop their fine motor skills which are important for writing.
8. Good behaviour is rewarded with stars, stickers and happy notes in the message book. Bad behaviour is punished with time out.
9. We start morning ring at 8.30. Please make sure your children are at school a few minutes before that so that they do not miss the rich input provided during morning ring.
10. A great deal of teaching occurs during morning ring at 8.30. We do a creative activity every day at 9am. At 11am we do a more academic session focusing on numbers, letters of the alphabet, shapes, colours and drawing. We also do movement lessons.
11. Please take time to look at the work on display and to talk to your children about what they are doing in class.
12. We will write in the message book if your child gets hurt or if there are any concerns. When we have a moment we also try to pop in happy notes as a reward for good behaviour.
13. Please practice counting to at least 20 with your child. Also point out colours and shapes in the environment to reinforce these.
14. Please help us by encouraging your child to be independent when using the toilet at home.
15. Please use lower case letters when writing your child’s name, only the first letter should be a capital.
16. We teach the letters of the alphabet phonetically i.e. the sounds not the letter names (Letterland)
17. Please encourage the correct pencil grip (crocodile fingers)
18. On your child’s birthday we make them a birthday book and crown and sing to them. You are welcome to send cake or cupcakes for us to give to the class.
19. Please monitor what your children are watching on TV and do not allow too much TV.
20. Also please ensure that your children go to bed early enough that they are not tired at school the next day.
21. Please try to talk only once so that the children don’t only listen when you raise your voice.
22. Every week a child gets a chance to be the leader in the class for a week. The leader gets to line up in the front of the line. (We work through the classlist and everyone gets a turn)
23. Every month the children draw a picture of themselves. These pictures get filed and are a wonderful way to see how much your child has developed.
24. Please send an art apron for your child to wear when we are doing very messy activities so that they do not ruin their clothes.
25. Please send newspapers to school if you have any spare.

General
1. Please ensure that gates are closed when you arrive or leave, help us keep our children safe.
2. PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT!
3. Please ensure your child has a hat at school.
4. We will be closed for the Education Department school holidays on the 15th June and the 25th September.
5. School closes on the 18th of December and reopens on the 6th of January 2016
6. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact the office, we appreciate your feedback as we like to improve where possible.
8. Please buy a tag if you don’t already have one as there is not always someone in the office.
9. Please ensure that school fees are paid by the 3rd of the month.
10. A structured curriculum is followed.
11. Please don’t allow your child to bring toys from home to play with at school.
12. Your child will receive 2 reports this year. One in June and one in December.
13. There is an Occupational therapist, a Speech therapist and a Physio-therapist who work at our school.
14. Please send toys, puzzles and books that are still in good condition to school, we will put them to good use.