



Messages from the Office and Mrs Druce

Welcome back. It's been lovely to see all the children return to school after the summer break.

Roald Dahl Day Tuesday 13th September 2016 For Y1-Y6

As it is 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl, we are going to celebrate this favourite children's author with Roald Dahl day on Tuesday 13 September.

It would be great if children in Year 1 - 6 could dress up and donate £1. The money will go to the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which helps to make life better for seriously ill children in the UK. Children could dress up as a Roald Dahl character or simply wear something yellow, which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour. There will be lots of exciting activities taking place throughout the day.

There are some ideas for dressing up at the following link;

<http://www.roalddahl.com/charity/fundraising-and-events/dahlicious-dress-up-day/dressing-up-tips>. To make it really easy Charlie Bucket wears jeans and a t-shirt! If you have any questions please ask Mrs Spooner in 4S (spoonera@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk).

Year 6

Bikeability training commences on 12.9.16 for 6KB and 19.9.16 for 6SB. Please ensure consent forms are returned and payment is made on Tucasi if you wish your child to participate. All details can be found on the school website by following this link; <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/parent-zone/letters/>.

School Meals

The cost of meals will be £2.20 per day this year. Year 3 are no longer eligible for free school meals from the government. Please follow this link if you need to change your current requirements; <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/parent-zone/useful-information/documents/>.

Spanish External Club

Spanish Club will commence on Monday 12 September for Y1 - Y2. Please contact Carlos Garcia at carlosg.lcfclubs@gmail.com if you would like your child to attend. Please note that there is a fee attached to this club.

HeadStart Holiday Camps

Following the really wonderful feedback from parents and children we are pleased to announce that HeadStart will be running a camp at our school for the October half term holiday. Signing up details will follow in due course.

Internal Extra-Curricular Clubs

Sign up lists for internal school run clubs will be going up this week. The children will have the clubs running detailed in our school assembly this week together with the signing up procedures. Some privately run clubs commence next week so please check the list on the school website which can be found here; <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/clubs/clubs-on-this-year/>.

Packed Lunches

Just a reminder that from September children having a packed lunch are only allowed to have water in their lunch boxes. If they wish to use a cup and have water from the jugs on the tables they are more than welcome to. Further to the newsletter at the end of last year regarding packed lunch drinks please read on for some supplementary information. Parents who attended a parents' forum meeting with Mrs Druce requested the changes to drinks in packed lunches due to peer pressure/ pressure to have a packed lunch just for the drink, concerns over sugar intake and acid erosion on teeth as well as children wanting inappropriate drinks after seeing them in lunch boxes. This combined with the fact that other local primary schools insist on water for all at lunchtime meant that this change seemed prudent.

Birthday Sweets

In line with information sent out last year please remember that we no longer allow children to bring in sweets at the end of the day for distribution to the whole class on their birthday. Please respect this request. If sweets are sent in they will be returned at the end of the day by the class teacher.

Lateness

Please note that all children arriving late or after the gates have closed will be required to sign in the late book with either Mrs Druce, Miss Swann, Mrs Lee or Mrs Dray at the East Gate/West Gate area and provide an explanation of the reasons for the late arrival. School starts promptly at 8.55am and the children should be settled in their classes, which is why the gates close at 8.50am.

PTA AGM

The next PTA AGM is on Tuesday 13th September 8.00pm at school. Refreshments included - everyone welcome!



Year 1 Weekly Information w/b 5.9.16 and 12.9.16

Firstly, we have been asked to pass on the thanks of last year's Reception teaching team – they were overwhelmed by the many kind words you gave them at the end of last term and they very much appreciated the gifts that they received.

The theme for our first block of work in Year One is **Stories We Love**. During our literacy lessons we will be looking at the work of a different author each week, starting with Shirley Hughes. Does your child know any stories by Shirley Hughes? She is famous for picture books such as 'Dogger' and the 'Alfie' series of books. Your child may want to bring in a book or two by Shirley Hughes to share with the class during this week. Please make sure any books are clearly labelled with your child's name.

During maths, our focus will be on counting. We will be encouraging the children to count out loud, keep track of what they have counted and get into the habit of double checking their work. In our maths lessons we will be counting and ordering groups of up to 20 objects accurately and reliably. Can your child find groups of objects to practise their counting at home? For example, marbles, pennies, teddies or pencils. If they confidently count objects already, as well as moving on to larger groups you could get them to compare two groups and predict which contains more – they can then count to check whether their prediction was correct. We will also be doing some activities which will allow us to get to know other aspects of our class's maths skills.

On Tuesday 13 September the school will be celebrating Roald Dahl day. We will be completing a range of activities. The children have the opportunity to dress as their favourite Roald Dahl character or to wear something yellow (his favourite colour!).

You may be keen to know our PE days for this term:

- 1R - Monday and Wednesday
- 1W - Tuesday and Wednesday
- 1S - Wednesday and Thursday

The children will have the opportunity to take out a library book each week. Children need to return their books on a Tuesday each week in order to get a new book.

We will be alternating which gates we accompany the children to at the end of the day. This week:

Mrs Sayers	West
Mrs Williams	East
Mrs Rajeev	East

We have been so impressed already at how well 1S, 1R and 1W are settling in and are looking forward to an exciting year together!

Best wishes,

Mrs Williams, Mrs Sayers and Mrs Rajeev



Year 2 Weekly Information w/b 5.9.16 and 12.9.16

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer break with your children – they certainly looked eager to learn and ready for an exciting year ahead!

Mrs Williams and Mrs Vidal would like to thank you all for the lovely gifts and kind messages at the end of last term.

In English this week, we will be using the Mr Men and Little Miss stories to develop our writing skills e.g. contrasting Mr Happy and Mr Grumpy and creating our own Mr Men and Little Miss characters. Next week, we will be focusing on instruction writing. Identifying the key features and having a go at writing our own.

In maths, we will be finding out what we already know about the basics of number including place value, writing number sentences and money. Next week we will be using the information gleaned from last week's maths in order to deepen their understanding in a particular area. This will be dependent upon the children's prior knowledge.

Please may we remind you to ensure that your child's PE kit is in school as soon as possible (if you haven't already done so) and that every item is clearly labelled with their name. Year 2 will be having PE lessons on a Monday and a Thursday.

As part of the introduction to Year 2, we will be hearing all the children read over the next 2 weeks and giving out bookband books. The children will be learning how to use their Learning Journals to record targets, spelling corrections etc. so expect to see these coming home shortly.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Glaister and Miss Burgess



Year 3 Weekly Information w/b 5.9.16 and 12.9.16

It's been lovely to see the children and hear about what they've been up to for the last few weeks - we hope you've all had nice holidays. The Year 2 team would like to express their thanks for the kind gifts and cards at the end of last year – they were much appreciated.

This week we are going to be getting used to the rules and routines of Year 3, enjoying Spanish with Mrs Cater, participating in some team games in outdoor PE and sharing our holiday news with our classes.

In English next week, we will be reading the story of Katie and the Dinosaurs together. We will use this to remind ourselves about creating story maps in chronological order and then begin to focus on using adjectives and senses to add detail to our description of settings. We will also be working on retelling stories orally.

In maths next week, the children will be practising some number skills such as reading and

writing numbers using numerals and words; using place value to identify the values of digits; and addition and subtraction facts.

Coming up soon in speedy maths:

w/b 12.9.16	Know 2x, 5x 10x tables and related division facts at speed. Know doubles and halves to 20.
w/b 19.9.16	Know 3x table at speed. Add 1-digit to 2 digit numbers. Subtract 1-digit from 2-digit numbers. Add tens to 2-digit numbers. Subtract tens from 2-digit numbers.

The children will also be doing a project next week on the local area. We are going to be examining maps and photographs to see how the school and the local area has changed over the years. At the end of the week our attention will turn to the start of our first theme 'A Long, Long Time Ago' with the visit of the Science Dome to the school on Thursday.

As part of our theme lessons, we would like to use some clips from the BBC documentary 'Walking with Dinosaurs'. As the documentary is a PG certificate, please could you let your child's class teacher know by Friday 16.9.16 if you do not want your child to watch it. We will assume that you are happy for them to watch if we do not hear from you.

Have a good week,

Mrs Smith and Mr Loughlin



Year 4 Weekly Information w/b 5.9.16 and 12.9.16

Welcome to Year 4!

We have really enjoyed getting to know the children and are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Before we start our first theme, we are working on a small holiday project this week. We will be looking at holiday destinations and their geographical features. We will also be considering what makes a holiday destination appealing. In English we will be writing about our summer holidays. In maths we will be solving holiday related word problems, with a range of operators.

In computing this week we will be looking at E-safety. Year 4 have indoor PE on Tuesdays and outdoor PE on Thursdays. As usual, please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day as timetables do change! All PE bags and PE kit should be clearly name labelled.

Speedy maths will start on Monday as follows.

w/b 12.9.16	Know 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 10x tables and related division facts at speed. Know 10 more and 10 less than 3-digit numbers Know 100 more and 100 less than 3-digit numbers Add pairs of tens at speed Add and subtract 1-digit and 3-digit numbers Add pairs of 2-digit numbers
w/b 19.9.16	Know 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 10x tables and related division facts at speed. Know 100 more than any number. Know pairs of numbers to 100 Add 1-digit to 3-digit numbers

Next week we will start our new theme our new theme Greece is the Word.

In English we will be looking myths and legends. We will focus on the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We will be using powerful vocabulary to describe mythical beasts. We will also be using drama to understand dilemmas faced by key characters. If your child has any myths or legends that they would like to bring into school, it would be great. Please ensure that any books are clearly name labelled.

In maths we are working on mental addition and subtraction. We will be adding and subtracting pairs of 2 digit numbers. During the week we will look at a range of strategies for addition and subtraction, so that your child becomes more confident in choosing the most appropriate method for different addition and subtraction calculations.

In our themed learning 'Greece is the Word' we will be using atlases to locate Greece and other European countries on a map. We will be using a timeline to locate Ancient Greece in time and will also be placing key events on the timeline. We will be using a range of sources, including computers, to find out about toys and games that children in Ancient Greece would have played with. Just a heads up – we will be having an Ancient Greek day just after half term, where we would like the children to dress up in Ancient Greek costumes! Date to be confirmed soon.

The Year 3 team from last year would like to pass on this message: "We would like to say a big thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts from yourselves and the children at the end of last year. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. We had a lot of fun teaching your children and wish them all the best in Year 4."

Have a good week.

Miss Jenkins and Mrs Spooner



Year 5 Weekly Information w/b 5.9.16 and 12.9.16

The Year 4 team from last year would like to say a big thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts from yourselves and the children at the end of last year. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. They enjoyed teaching your children and wish them all the best in Year 5.

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you all had a great summer break. Our first theme for this year is 'Making the news' and we will begin by exploring the Paralympics. Children will be researching the origins of the Paralympics and will also be looking at some of the amazing athletes representing Team GB.

Having researched likely medal prospects, we will be running a competition for the duration of the Paralympics where children will earn points for predicting the athletes most likely to win medals. They will also be able to earn double points on one athlete by opting to use their joker!

For this week and next in English, we will be creating fact files to reflect our learning about the Paralympics. In maths we will be reviewing the Olympics and generating graphs to depict the medals earned by the various competing countries.

Best wishes,

Mr Vidal, Mrs Peters and Mrs Jayasuriya



Year 6 Weekly Information w/b 5.9.16 and 12.9.16

Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday!

This week we will be focusing on the features of persuasive writing. We will learn what techniques we can use to support our arguments effectively and then implement these into a letter. As part of our reading, we shall be analysing author's choices and use of vocabulary.

In maths, we will be carrying out an open investigation using our reasoning skills and knowledge of the four operations.

In computing we will be discussing the importance of staying safe online and using technology appropriately.

Our PE days are a Monday and Thursday- please ensure PE kits are in school every day.

On Monday 6KB will start the bikeability course; 6SB will start week commencing 19.9.16. Please ensure all forms have been completed and returned. Without these your child will not be allowed to take part.

We hope you have a lovely week.

Miss Bidwell and Mrs Beunderman

P.S. Mr Vidal, Mrs Peters, Mrs Jayasuriya and Mrs Anderson would like to thank you all for the gifts they received at the end of last term.