



Stamford Green Primary School



17 October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 17.10.16

Thank you to all of you who were able to come to the Great Harvest Bake Off on Friday. The children loved having the chance to sell their gingerbread men to their families.

As our 'fantasy lands' theme continues, the children will be learning all about Jack and the Beanstalk this week. We will be enjoying the story; working on our storytelling skills and also having the chance to role-play the different characters. In phonics lessons, our new letter sounds are 'g' and 'o'. We will be learning a new song and action for each letter as well as revising all of our previously learned sounds. If they haven't already, your child will also be bringing home a 'flip flap' book about colours this week. This is for them to keep in their book bag and share with you at home; there are instructions about how to use it on the back of the book.

Thank you for all of the helpful comments in your child's Learning Journal about the picture books that they have been reading at home. This week, your child will be starting on 'book band' books so please send any picture books you still have at home back to school in their book bag. The children have been getting used to the routine of changing their books each day and this will be the same when they are taking their new reading books. Please let us know if they are not bringing a new book home each day or if they are mixing up the colours of books. Your child should only change the colour of their books when asked to do so by their teacher, there will be a sticker in their Learning Journal to inform you of the change. There is more information about 'book bands' on the school website: <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/learning-and-the-curriculum/reading-and-phonics/>

During maths lessons this week, we will continue to work on counting, number recognition and number ordering. We will also start learning about number formation and the correct way to write and orient our numbers.

For your information, all of Reception's PE days have now changed to Friday. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure that they do not wear their earrings to school on that day. PE kits will be coming home for a wash on Thursday of this week. Please take the time to check that your child's kit is still name-labelled and that they haven't got anything mixed up with another child!

Your child may have spoken to you about Espresso which is an educational website we use in school. If you would like to use it at home with your child please use the details below to access the site:

Go to: home.espresso.co.uk
Login: student28837
Password: stamford

Thank you so much for all your donations of junk-modelling supplies, we now have enough to keep us going for quite some time! We are now looking for any donations of old sheets, duvet covers, blankets, curtains or tarpaulins that would be suitable to add to our den building box. The children have loved making dens amongst the trees at the bottom of the slope in the outdoor area and we would love to be able to expand the range of materials that they have to work with.

Finally, we would just like to say how impressed we all are at the way that your children have settled into school life this half term. They have been absolutely fantastic! We hope that they have been making lots of new friends and would like your help in encouraging them to play with these friends at lunchtimes (when many of them seek out their older siblings to play with!) It is lovely that they have the chance to play with big brothers and sisters, but we usually find that novelty wears off for the older siblings eventually, so it is nice if the Reception-age children have their own friends to play with too. Maybe chat with your children over half term to see how they are feeling about their lunchtime play.

We hope you have a lovely half term with your families and please remember that both **Friday 21 October** and **Monday 31 October** are INSET days and that the children do not come into school on those days. Please keep an eye out for a 'Wow Moment' sheet that will be coming home in your child's book bag to be filled in over the half term break. There are instructions on the sheet as to how to fill it in.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

Mrs McCarthy, Miss Wright, Mrs Vidal and Mrs Dryland



Messages from the Office

INSET days / Staff Training

We have INSET days for staff training on Friday 21 October and Monday 31 October so the school will be closed for children on those days. School finishes for half term for children on Thursday 20 October at normal time and re-opens for children after half term on Tuesday 1 November at 8.40am.

Just to let you know, Meadway is closed this week for three days so the area might be a little more congested.

Fireworks Night

Just a reminder that the deadline for purchasing Fireworks tickets is Monday 31 October.

Interested in teaching?

Please find information below regarding teacher training from September 2017

GET INTO TEACHING WITH GLYN SURREY SCITT

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016 6.30 - 8.00pm

GLYN SCHOOL The Kingsway, Ewell, KT17 1NB

Are you interested in training as a primary or secondary teacher from September 2017?

Glyn Surrey SCITT is recruiting trainee teachers, on behalf of a network 17 local primary and secondary schools across Surrey and beyond.

- Learn about the different routes into teaching
- Find out how to apply
- Meet with schools who are recruiting

The evening is open to anyone who is considering training to teach including teaching assistants, career changers, teachers trained overseas and those graduating in summer 2017.

**No need to register, just come along.
The evening will start with a short
presentation at 6.30pm.**



National Teaching School
designated by

National College for
Teaching & Leadership

For more information please contact us at:

020 8716 4996

info@glynsurreyscitt.co.uk