



# Stamford Green Primary School



3 October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – w/b 3.10.16

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our 'settling in meeting for YR parents' on Tuesday 4 October at 2.15pm (RM and RW in the studio and RD and RV in the hall). We will be finishing in plenty of time for you to make your way out to the East and West Gates, in order to collect your child at 3.00pm as usual.

Our Fantasy Lands theme will continue to be about fairy tales this week as we learn all about the story of The Three Little Pigs. There will be plenty of opportunities to build houses, test materials and act out the role of either a little pig or the big, bad wolf! The children will also continue to put together class story boxes and draw story maps throughout the week.

We will be learning our next two letter sounds during phonics lessons this week ('i' and 'n'). Once you have asked your child to sing you the songs and show you the actions, maybe you could see if you can help them to 'spot' any familiar letters in their name, in books or around the house? From Tuesday, the children will be bringing home a different picture book to share with you each day. Please feel free to use this in the way that you feel is right for your child (read it to them as their bedtime story, read it with them while they spot the odd sound or word or simply enjoy talking about the pictures together). Please record any positive comments about your shared daily reading in your child's Learning Journal under the relevant day of the week.

Our maths lessons will continue to focus on counting, number recognition and reinforcing concepts of number through practical activities.

**Friday 14 October** is the school-wide 'Great Harvest Bake Off' and Reception will be baking gingerbread men (can you guess what a fairy tale might be that week?). We will be baking throughout the week with different children taking a turn on different days. Please see below for the recipe and be aware that we will be asking for contributions nearer the time. Please keep an eye out for a sticker in the 'Notes' section of your child's Learning Journal on Wednesday which may ask them to bring in either a specified amount of one ingredient or maybe a kitchen utensil such as a mixing bowl or spoon. As always, please ensure that anything you send into school is clearly name-labelled. If your child has special dietary requirements your child's teacher will be in touch with you at some point this week.

Please be aware that **school photos** are taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. If your child has a sibling (or siblings) at the school, they will have their photo taken both on their own and with their brother(s) or sister(s). Reception will only have their photo taken on **Wednesday**. Please see Messages from the Office for more information.

**A plea for junk-modelling materials:** What with all this story box making, our junk-modelling materials are running low! Any donations of clean, usable boxes, tubes, pots etc. sent in with your child would be very gratefully received!

Finally, we would just like to give a brief reminder about some day-to-day requirements in Reception. Your child must bring a waterproof coat into school every day (even if rain is not forecast!). Their fruit

snack in the afternoon must only be fresh fruit or veg and they are only allowed to have water in their water bottles. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

The Reception Team  
Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Dryland, Mrs Vidal & Miss Wright

**Please see the recipe which will be making at school:**

### **Gingerbread Men Recipe**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 100g soft brown sugar
- 100g golden syrup
- 225g plain flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 heaped tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 50g unsalted butter

#### **Method:**

1. Pre-heat oven to gas mark 5 and grease 2 baking sheets.
2. Sift together all of the dry ingredients. Heat butter, sugar and syrup until dissolved then leave to cool. After that mix them into dry ingredients and make a dough.
3. Chill the dough in the fridge for 30 minutes.
4. Roll out the dough to about 1/4 inch thick and cut into gingerbread men. Place on trays allowing space to spread.
5. Cook for 10-15 minutes.



## **Messages from the Office**

### **Retro night**



Tickets are still on sale for our PTA Retro Night on 14 October 8.00pm-12.00am. Tickets are £10 each and are on sale until Thursday 6 October.

Please return all forms and money via the Office or PTA box.

Please see the link below for the booking form:

[http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Letters\\_2016-2017/PTA\\_Retro\\_Night\\_Ticket\\_Form.docx](http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/Letters_2016-2017/PTA_Retro_Night_Ticket_Form.docx)

### **School Dinners**

When the children started in Reception you were asked to choose whether they were having school dinner or packed lunch. We have noticed that a number of children who have chosen school dinner are bringing in a packed lunch on random days and not having their school dinner.

If your child would like to change from school dinner to packed lunch or vice versa there is a two week term time notice period and we ask that you fill out the request to change lunch form which can be obtained from the school website or the office and returned to the office. School Dinners are made freshly each day on the premises and we have to give the kitchen the daily numbers of children having dinners. I'm sure you can appreciate if children are bringing in packed lunch and not having their school dinner, there is a lot of wastage. Thank you for your support.

### **Book Fair**

Just a reminder that the Book Fair is in the school this week from Tuesday to Friday 3.00pm to 3.45pm in the Library. All money raised goes towards buying new books for the school library.

### **Bag2School Collection**

We will shortly be sending home Bag2School collection bags for filling with unwanted clothes and textiles. Please bring any filled bags to school on Tuesday 11 October anytime or Wednesday 12 October in the morning before 9.00am. These will be collected from school on Wednesday 12 October at 9.00am. All money raised will go towards our new computing equipment.

### **School Photographs**

School photos are being taken this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their school jumper or cardigan with them to wear in their photo. Years 2 to 6 will have their photos taken on Tuesday whilst Reception and Year 1 will have theirs on Wednesday. Sibling photographs will be taken with the youngest child's class. Therefore children in Years 2 to 6, with younger siblings in Reception or Year 1, will have photos taken on both days. As photographs are taken throughout the day, you may like to pop a spare jumper or cardigan in your child's book bag to make sure they are super clean and smart! Also if your child has the golden poloshirt this week, please make sure they are wearing a normal white poloshirt for the photograph. Thank you.

### **Christ Church**

Christ Church are conducting a short survey regarding to what extent do you see Christ Church (and its hall) as a centre for all of the community? Please see the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QTKFZDB>