



Stamford Green Primary School



14 May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 14.5.18

Upcoming Dates

- **Friday 18 May 9.00 – 10.00am.** Phonics in Action Workshop (1 of 3) Please only come to this workshop if you have signed up to this time slot.
- **Monday 21.5.18** Online Safety Workshop for YR Parents 7.00 – 8.00pm
- **Thursday 24 March** Sports Day

Have you remembered?

- Become a **Mystery Reader?** – email your child's class teacher.
- We have a few remaining spaces at our '**Phonics in Action**' Workshops. It is important for all parents/carers to attend and will be a great opportunity to learn with your child. Please sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUtpQ7tvPEjLQsEhsNwEG_BzR4h1hEWLu6cP-Mc2LqNCRW9A/viewform
- Children should have labelled water bottles, sun hats, and optional (named) suncream.

Show and Tell on Thursday: Ants group

We are looking forward to lots of fun learning with our Forest School activities this week. Please ensure your child has their wellington boots (clearly name labelled) back in school after wearing them to the farm. During forest school the children go into the long grass and bushes in our amazing grounds; boots protect their legs as well as meaning that no school shoes are ruined. **If your child does not have boots at school we will presume that you are happy for them to undertake these learning activities in their school shoes.**

It was fantastic to see lots of Reception parents at the talks given by Lorin Lafave from the Breck Foundation last week. Nobody who heard her speak could fail to be touched by her story and her drive to improve the safety of children and young people as use of the internet is inspiring. Mr Vidal and Mrs Dray are leading practical workshops for parents this term which give ideas and support in keeping your child safe as they begin to use a range of devices. Parents who attended this workshop last week reported that they came away with lots of useful and practical information.

They will be running another session specifically aimed at Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents next Monday 21 May at 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Even if your child is not currently very interested in using digital devices, it is worth trying to keep one step ahead of the game where online safety is concerned. Please email Mrs Saunt to book a place sauntb@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

Further information is on the last school newsletter:

http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/newsletters_2017-2018/issue_9.pdf

Dinosaurs will be at the centre of our learning from now until half term. After asking questions and finding out information about some of the dinosaurs that existed millions of years ago, we will be writing about them. We will be looking for any evidence that we can find, that dinosaurs have visited our school, and making nests and traps for them.

In maths we will be thinking about about patterns and how to describe them as well as continuing existing patterns and making our own. We will also be using lots of maths as we talk about comparing dinosaurs.

In Phonics we continue to learn more sounds as we work on Phase 5 Letters and Sounds. This week we will learn the sounds: **ir** (girl), **ea** (peach) and **ie** (pie). We will discuss how sounds can be written in different ways, such as **ir** and **er**; or **ea** and **ee**. Can you practise these sounds at home? Can you spot them in your reading book? Can you find a rule for these sounds?

This week **Show and Tell** is for the **Ants** group across all classes on **Thursday 17 May**. As always with Show and Tell, please ensure that your child's item only comes into school on the day of their turn, is clearly name-labelled and is nothing too precious or expensive.

Sports Day

Next week on Thursday we have our school Sports Day. You will have already seen Mrs Peters' comprehensive letter about the day, which was sent out last week, but for Reception parents the key points are:

- 10.40am – 11.40am** Children races (parents spectate from the centre of the field). At the end of the session there will be Parent Races for those of you who wish to take part.
- 11.45am – 12.15pm** Morning Round Up – including Toddler Races
- 12.15pm** Come to your child's class teacher to collect your child if you would like them to join you for a picnic lunch.
- 12.45pm** All children return to the same place to meet their teacher. We will then go inside for registration.
- 1.05pm - 2.05pm** Reception Carousel activities on the playground near the building.
- 2.15pm - 2.45pm** Closing Ceremony then teachers will take the children back to class before being dismissed.

Very Important

As you will see on the day, Sports Day is a huge event at Stamford Green and there are hundreds of people with us on the field for the day. The Reception staff are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of 90 children during the day, and we plan very carefully to ensure that we are able to keep everyone safe.

There are clearly designated areas for spectators to enjoy the events and we ask that you support us by remaining in those areas and not approaching the children at any time during the sessions. All children should be with their class at all times.

Factors which sometimes concern parents on Sports Day:

Suncream – Please apply this before school.

Water – We will have our water bottles with us on the field – children can drink when they want and will be prompted to drink too.

Sunshine – Where possible we will choose shaded spots for children to sit. Please ensure they have a named sunhat on the day.

Toilets – children will ask their teacher or teaching assistant if they need the toilet and we will follow our routines for them to be able to go.

Tears – We will look after any children who are hurt or upset. They will be very proud to talk to you about their courage and resilience later on.

We would ask not to be put in the position of having to ask parents, grandparents or other adults to move back to the spectator zone during the day. Having to do this is not only embarrassing for us, but it also takes our attention away from keeping your children safe, happy and well throughout the day. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

We look forward to seeing you at our first **Phonics in Action workshop** this **Friday (9.00am – 10.00am)**. Please remember that you are only due to attend if you have signed up to this time slot. A quick

reminder that this workshop is not suitable for younger siblings to attend. The two other workshops are after the half term. Please remember to book your place if you haven't yet done so.

Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine!

The Reception Team

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander & Miss Wright



Messages from the Office

Coming up soon:

May		
w/b 14.5.18	-	Y6 National Curriculum Tests (NCTs/SATs)
Wednesday 16.5.18	9.00am – 10.00am	PTA Class Reps coffee morning with Mrs Druce
Wednesday 16.5.18	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Y4 High Ashurst residential visit information meeting for parents
Thursday 17.5.18	9.45am -11.00am	SGSC Generations Coffee Morning for retired local residents and grandparents
Friday 18.5.18	9.00am – 10.00am	YR Reading in Action workshop for parents/carers – more details to follow
Monday 21.5.18	7.00pm – 8.00pm	YN to Y2 Online Safety workshop for parents/carers (repeat)
Tuesday 22.5.18	-	Y2 – Y6 Homework due in but no homework sent home this week
Tuesday 22.5.18	9.00am – 11.30am	Y6 Class photographs
Tuesday 22.5.18 & Wednesday 23.5.18	7.00pm	Drama club performance for friends and family
Thursday 24.5.18	All day	Sports Day – more details to follow
Friday 26.5.18	-	INSET – Training day for staff – No school for children Half term holiday starts – school closes at usual times
June		
Monday 4.6.18	All day	INSET – Training day for staff – No school for children
Tuesday 5.6.18	8.40am	School opens for children