



16 October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – 16.10.17

### Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday 19.10.17** Great Harvest Bake Off 9.00am – 10.00am
- **Friday 20.10.17** INSET Day – Staff training day - no school for children
- **Monday 30.10.17** INSET Day – Staff training day - no school for children

### Have you Remembered?

- Have you returned your child's Golden Book to school with the comment sticker filled in?

As you will have probably guessed our traditional tale this week is The Gingerbread Man. To tie-in with the whole school Great Harvest Bake Off event, the children in Reception will be making gingerbread all week ready to sell on Thursday. Thank you so much for supplying the ingredients to allow us to enjoy baking and decorating our own gingerbread men. All of the Reception classrooms will be turned into gingerbread shops on Thursday morning and the hall is becoming a café in which you can have a sit down and enjoy your child's handiwork! Please see the schedule below to see when to pop into the classrooms and buy your child's gingerbread man. You may go to the café in the hall at any time.

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| 9.00am – 9.15am  | Children with surnames beginning A - G |
| 9.15am – 9.30am  | Children with surnames beginning H - M |
| 9.30am – 9.45am  | Children with surnames beginning N - S |
| 9.45am – 10.00am | Children with surnames beginning T - Z |

Children stay in their classrooms all morning (they don't come to the hall with you), and at 10am they can buy and eat their own Gingerbread man in the classroom for a donation of 50p or more. If you are unable to come into school on Thursday for the sale and if you would like a gingerbread man sent home for you, please send in an additional donation in a named envelope.

During phonics sessions this week we will be reviewing all the sounds that we have covered so far – 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n', 'm', 'd' and 'g'. We will be thinking about words that begin with these sounds and will be practicing so that we can write the letters with greater confidence, forming them correctly. Can your child find anything at home that starts with these sounds? Can they find the letters written anywhere? Don't forget to practise recognising, reading and writing them at home.

In maths we will be focusing on counting accurately up to 10 objects, and on recognising and writing all the numbers up to 10. Our shape focus is on rectangles. Have you seen any patterns using 2D shapes? What are the shapes called? How would you describe the pattern?

If you drop off at the East Gate in the mornings, please could we ask that you say goodbye then step back from the gate area? Children in other year groups are currently finding it difficult to make their way to the gate through the groups of adults watching their children walking to the classrooms. We

are in the process of developing a clearer pathway for the children to follow, which will be kept clear, but in the meantime we are asking parents, grandparents and carers to be aware of the needs of all children in our community.

Children will be bringing their PE kit home for a wash at half term. It's a good idea to check the name labels are still in all items of uniform – there are quite a number of jumpers and cardigans that are not currently labelled in Reception. The children have been doing an excellent job of changing themselves, and putting their kit back in their own bags after PE on Fridays, however there is a chance you may find an item belonging to someone else. Perhaps you could kindly wash it when you are doing your own child's kit and after half term we will reunite it with its owner? If you realise an item is missing from your child's bag you can let us know to look out for it via a message in the communication book after half term.

Children should bring their PE bags back to school in time for Friday's PE lesson in the first week after half term. Don't forget to include a spare pair of socks if your child wears tights to school.

All that remains is to say a huge 'well done' to the children for such a fantastic first half term at school. There are lots of tired people at this stage of the term, so we hope that you will enjoy some rest and relaxation next week in order to be full of beans for the second half of term.

Have a lovely break,

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander and Miss Wright



### **Message from the PTA**

**Volunteering update** - As our school grows, and our events get bigger and more popular each year, we've more demand for parent and carer volunteers to enable their smooth running and ensure an enjoyable experience for all. There is now a volunteer signup feature on the new PTA Events website where you can log on to your account to see what events require volunteers and sign up for your preferred slot. This year, to make sure all events have enough volunteers, we'll be allocating different year groups to help support events over the year. All parents and carers will be encouraged to help where they can, but specific stands will be allocated to the different year groups. We are proposing Years 5 and 6 help with Fireworks, Years 3 and 4 with the Open Air Theatre production and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Stay and Play. The Christmas Market and Summer Fun Day will continue to have stalls allocated to classes.

### **Messages from the Office**

Please may we remind you that the office is manned from 8.30am – 4.30pm. We cannot guarantee access through the West gate or through the office doors outside of these times. Children attending clubs before school should enter the school via the South gate.

## School Photographs

The school photographers came in to photograph the children on 3 and 4 October. Please don't forget to order with your early bird discount code RRVFE4 as it runs out on 20 October 2017.

If you did not receive a proof of your child then please use the link below and the photographers will search for any photos and let you know:

[www.ordermyphotos.co.uk/proofs/index.asp?eventcode=118289](http://www.ordermyphotos.co.uk/proofs/index.asp?eventcode=118289)

## Scarlet Fever

Just to inform you that we have had a couple of cases of Scarlet Fever in Y1. The symptoms are high temperature (over 38) rash on neck & chest, headache and with some children, sore throat. If you think your child may have Scarlet Fever please take them to the doctor. If diagnosed they will be given antibiotics. Please keep your child at home for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

## Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please may we remind you to keep your child from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

## Coming up soon:

| October           |                                  |   |
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| Tuesday 17.10.17  | -                                | Y2-Y6 Homework due in but none sent home this week      |
| Thursday 19.10.17 | 9.00am – 10.20am                 | Great Harvest Bake Off – More information to follow     |
| Thursday 19.10.17 | School closes at the normal time | Half term holiday starts                                |
| Friday 20.10.17   | -                                | INSET – Training day for staff – No school for children |
| Monday 30.10.17   | -                                | INSET – Training day for staff – No school for children |
| Tuesday 31.10.17  | 8.40am                           | School opens for YN – Y6                                |
| Tuesday 31.10.17  | 9.00am – 10.30am                 | Come and Play - Toddler session                         |
| November          |                                  |   |
| Friday 3.11.17    | 9.00am – 9.30am                  | 6B's Class Assembly – Entry via the office              |
| Friday 3.11.17    | 6.00pm                           | PTA Fireworks Evening – More details to follow          |