



Stamford Green Primary School



19 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 19.3.18

Upcoming Dates

- Book Fair **Tuesday 20.3.18 – Thursday 22.3.18**
- Sports Relief on **Friday 23.3.18** – children to come into school wearing their PE kit

Have you remembered?

- Warm coat, hat and gloves every day.
- Become a **Mystery Reader?** – email your child's class teacher.

Show and Tell on Thursday: Purple group

To celebrate **Sports Relief 2018** and the Commonwealth Games, we will be steering our learning toward sports this week. We will discuss different types, and will also research some of the most successful athletes in the world. For Sports Relief we will learn about why and how we can raise money, whilst also learning about different events such as the Commonwealth Games, the Olympics and the Paralympics.

On **Friday 23 March** we are taking part in a Guinness World Record attempt in order to raise money for Sports Relief. This will involve the whole school learning and performing a dance together on the top field. We ask that each child donates **£1** for Sports Relief. The schools who raise the most money will be invited to perform at the Surrey Youth Games Opening Ceremony with Active Surrey – so let's work together! We will send home your child's PE kit early in the week so that your child can come into school on **Friday** wearing their **PE kit** for the day.

In maths we are moving onto **halving**. There are two aspects to halving: halving an object or shape and halving a quantity. We will investigate both of these by looking at how we can cut objects in half so that each half is equal, whilst also looking at how to share out an amount in half. Can you practise halving at home?

In phonics this week we will be continuing with Phase 4 looking at consonant blends at the beginning and end of words for example in **splat, spot, land, bland** etc. Most children are picking up this concept very well and using it in their reading. There are still some of the Phase 3 sounds which are holding some children back – especially 'er', 'ar', 'or', 'ur', 'air' and 'ear' as they are similar to each other. Keep up the practice!

Show and Tell will be for the **purple** group across all classes on **Thursday 22 March**. 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.

In Reception we are introducing **Mystery Readers!** Please see the letter attached before the Messages from the Office, to find out more.

Finally, we are sending out a plea for some **resources** to improve and complement our Reception provision. Please kindly take a look at the Wanted section of the Messages from the Office to see whether you or any relatives have anything at home that you would be happy to donate.

Have a lovely week!

The Reception Team

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander & Miss Wright

LET'S DANCE

Sign up your school to take part in a **Guinness World Record** & raise money for **Sport Relief**

We ask that each person taking part donates £1, all of which will go straight to Sport Relief. The schools who raise the most money will be invited to perform at the Surrey Youth Games Opening Ceremony with Active Surrey.

Friday 23rd March
1.30pm - 2.30pm

The Dance Movement is a resident company of Farnham Maltings, Company Number: 3893579
thedancemovement.co.uk





Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are introducing **YR Mystery Readers!**

Do you know anyone who would like to be a 'mystery reader'?



To celebrate and promote our love for reading, we are inviting mystery readers into our classrooms to spend 15-30 minutes sharing books with small groups of children. We would like to spread the love and ask all **parents, step-parents, big-big siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, au-pairs/nannies, childminders** and **close family friends** to come and read.



In order for every child to get a turn to hear stories we will select names from a pot, although your child will be one of the group. There will be three or four children in each group.



We appreciate how tricky it can be to find time off from work and so we would like you to come in at a **time that suits you after 10.00am**. We won't be having Mystery readers on Friday afternoons and our lunch session runs from 11.30am to 12.50pm.



It is up to you whether you would like to bring in one of your favourite books to share, or if you would like to choose a book from our book corner.



YR Mystery Readers will begin after the Easter holidays and will continue until the end of the Summer term. If you can spare any of your time to come and read, please **email** your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time. We are extremely grateful!



Kind regards,

The Reception Team
Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander and Miss Wright





Messages from the Office

Childcare vouchers close to new entrants soon

The government has announced that the childcare voucher scheme will close to new entrants on 6 April 2018. Any working parent who currently uses registered childcare (or plans to use registered childcare in future) needs to sign up to their employer's childcare voucher scheme and receive a voucher by 5 April. If parents don't register on a scheme and receive a voucher by this date, then Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) will be your only option (if you are eligible).

If you don't need childcare vouchers immediately, you can simply register on your employer's scheme today and place an order for the minimum amount. As long as you receive a childcare voucher from your employer in every rolling 12-month period, you'll remain on the scheme.*

* Any parent who's already registered for childcare vouchers can carry on ordering them even after April 2018, providing they've received a voucher in the last rolling 12-month period. For example, if they last received a childcare voucher on 25 May 2017 they need to receive their next voucher on or before 25 May 2018 to remain eligible.

Wanted!

Are you having a spring clean? In Reception we are always looking to develop our learning provision and we are currently looking for the following items. Do you have any of them lying unused in your cupboard/shed/toybox?

If you decide it's time for a clear-out we can promise to put them to very good use!

- Offcuts of fake grass.
- Pieces of drainpipe or other pipes.
- Bikes and cycle helmets suitable for age 4-5.
- Gravel/bark/pebbles/wood and rope off-cuts and other similar garden leftovers!
- Small world toys and figures such as Playmobil in particular:
 - Pirate ship
 - Castle
 - Vehicles/garage
 - Emergency services
 - Houses/ town/city life
 - Diggers/construction site
 - Farm yard – buildings, animals and fences

- Fabric off-cuts or old scarves.
- Dinosaurs.
- Balls of wool and off-cuts of ribbon or cord.
- Small-scale toys that are a bit 'fiddly' e.g. My Little Pony, Sylvanian Families etc.
- Complete Jigsaw puzzles with 12 - 60 pieces.
- Buttons, beads, marbles, small glass beads and similar.
- Old jewellery (bangles, strings of beads etc), hats (old wedding hats?) and handbags.
- Spoons of any type.
- Bob the Builder, Fireman Sam, Paw Patrol vehicles, buildings and figures.

- Construction – we have the following sets which we would love to supplement with extra pieces:
 - Magformers (magnetic shapes)
 - Marble Run
 - Gears! Gears! Gears!
 - Construction Straws

If you can help us with any of these items please contact the Reception Team via the morning message book or email verlanderl@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk