



Stamford Green Primary School



25 September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 25.9.17

Upcoming Dates

- **Monday 25.9.17** - Class Open Time **3.00pm - 5.15pm**
- **From Thursday 28.9.17** - Children come straight to class when the gates open in the morning and the train will cease to operate.

Next week:

- **Wednesday 4.10.17** Individual School Photos
- **Thursday 5.10.17** YR Settling In and Welcome Meeting for Parents 2.15pm - 2.55pm

Have you Remembered?

- All children should have a waterproof coat in school every day as we will be going outside.

We would like to start by saying a big 'well done' to all of the children for a brilliant first two days of full-time school. They have had such a busy two weeks and have really impressed us with their energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude. They are fantastic!

As they have settled in to the morning routine so well, we have decided to take the next step in helping the children to come in independently. From Thursday the children will come straight into class, as the rest of the school does, rather than lining up for the 'train'. We will practise doing this in class on Wednesday and talk the children through what to do.

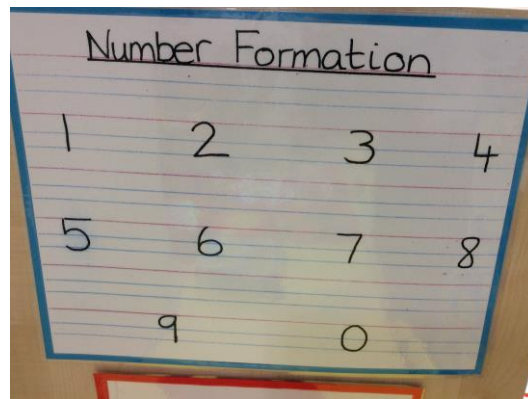
On Thursday, members of the Reception Team will stand along the route from the gate to the classrooms at 8.40am rather than leading the children in. Your child can say goodbye and come in as soon as the gate opens. There will be a member of the Reception Team at each gate to encourage anyone who might be having a wobbly morning.

This week, we will be starting our first theme, **Fantasy Lands**. Throughout Stamford Green our 'themes' mean that we can bring the curriculum to life by linking it to the children's interests, real-world experiences or, as in this case, a love of stories and using our imaginations!

The first stop on our tour of well-known Fantasy Lands will be the house of The Three Bears. The children will be listening to, and retelling, the familiar story of Goldilocks as well as having the opportunity to participate in a range of activities from drama and singing to making porridge! The theme will focus on fairy tales from now until after half term so look out to see which ones the children will be learning about in upcoming newsletters.

During Phonics sessions this week we will be learning about the sounds 's', 'a' and 't'. We will be thinking about words that begin with these sounds and practicing writing the letters, forming them correctly. Can your child find anything at home that starts with these sounds? Can they find the letters written anywhere?

In maths we will be focusing on counting accurately and on recognising and writing the digits 1 - 4. This is how we write the digits at school:



Our shape focus is on circles. We will be thinking about how to know if a shape is a circle, and will be looking for lots of examples of circles in the world around us. Can your child find any at home or when they are out and about?

PE lessons are starting properly on Friday this week, so please send in any remaining PE kits (or bits of PE kits) that you may have at home. All classes have dance with Mrs James on Friday mornings and will keep their PE kit on during the day so they are ready for our outdoor PE session in the afternoon. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure that they are not wearing their plain studs to school on that day. Please also ensure that your child has a pair of trainers in their PE kit as listed in the School Uniform list. Plimsolls are not part of the PE kit as they tend not to fit closely enough and are less supportive than trainers on hard surfaces such as the playground.

Have a lovely week – we will look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 5.10.17 at 2.15pm for our Settling In and Phonics Meeting** where we will be sharing lots of important information about learning in Reception.

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander and Miss Wright

**You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.**

- Dr. Seuss



Messages from the Office

Bikes and Scooters

We are happy for children to ride their bikes and scooters to school however not on the school paths please. This includes the path from the West Gate down to the school building.

Values Buttons

Our values buttons are a wonderful way of rewarding excellent behaviour and demonstration of our school values. However, our supplies are running very short so could you take a look at home and send back to school any values buttons which may have inadvertently found their way home instead of into the values box. Many thanks.

Message from Mrs Druce

Having three gates (East, West and South) means that there is lots of flexibility for parents but we simply do not have the capacity for staff to be delivering messages to 19 classes in the afternoon. Therefore, I really do need to insist that parents follow the 'End of Day' procedures that are outlined in our school A to Z and can also be found below for ease. Thank you for your co-operation:

End of Day

Any change to non-emergency 'going home' arrangements for your children such as playdates or East/West Gate meeting points should ideally be written in the message books at the start of the day. If this is not possible then a call to the Office should be made by 12.45pm at the latest. This is so that class teachers can pick up the messages before the end of the day.

It is essential that you inform the class teacher if somebody else is to collect your child. We would respectfully ask adults not to take anybody else's child home, before the school has verified this arrangement with the parents.

Coming up soon:

| September | | |
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| w/b 25.9.17 | - | Hope and Aspiration Week |
| w/b 25.9.17 | - | YN Normal sessions commence |
| Monday 25.9.17 | YR: 3.00pm - 5.15pm Y1: 3.05pm - 5.15pm Y2: 3.10pm - 5.15pm Y3-Y6: 3.15pm - 5.15pm | Class Open Time – Parents welcome to drop in, during the allotted time, and visit their child's class. Children will be dismissed as usual and then you can return to class |
| Tuesday 26.9.17 | 9.00am – 10.30am | Come and Play - Toddler session |
| Friday 29.9.17 | 1.15pm – 2.45pm | Y6 House Captain speeches for the children in each house |
| October | | |
| w/b Monday 2.10.17 | - | Golden Book week |
| Tuesday 3.10.17 | All day | Individual school photos for children |
| Tuesday 3.10.17 | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | Book Fair |
| Wednesday 4.10.17 | All day | Individual school photos for children |
| Wednesday 4.10.17 | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | Book Fair |
| Thursday 5.10.17 | 8.40am | Fundraiser – Bag2school collection – more details to follow |
| Thursday 5.10.17 | 9.00am - 10.00am | Coffee morning for reading volunteers with Miss Swann |
| Thursday 5.10.17 | 2.15pm – 2.55pm | Settling in and phonics meeting for YR parents |
| Thursday 6.10.17 | 3.00pm – 3.45pm | Book Fair |