



8 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 8.1.18

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday 16.1.18 9.00am - 9.45am Parents' Reading Workshop

Have you Remembered?

- Has your child brought back their PE kit?

Show and Tell on Thursday: White group

It has been fantastic to hear all of the children's Christmas holiday news as we welcome them back from their break. We hope you had a lovely time with your families and friends over the festive period. We would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the whole team for the generous Christmas gifts we received at the end of last term. It was very kind of you – we love teaching your little ones and we were all very touched by the kind messages and gifts.

As you know, we endeavour to make transitions as smooth as possible for the children travelling through our school. In Reception we make small alterations to our timetable and activities through the year so that, by July, the children will be ready for the more formal learning environment in Year 1. Our routine for the first hour of the day changes a little at this point in the year:

Now that we have learnt all the single letter sounds in phonics we will move onto digraphs. These are sounds written with two letters, for example ch, sh, th, ee and oo. We will learn our new sounds in class, then go into smaller groups each morning to practise reading using the skills we have learnt. These mixed-ability groups are led by the class teachers and the teaching assistants. With some careful timetabling we have managed to come up with a plan so that each group has only seven or eight children, meaning each child gets lots of practise packed into a short time every day. Experience has shown us that this is a very effective way to make sure every child develops the strong phonic skills which are vital for reading and writing.

Also this term we will join the rest of the school for assembly on Mondays. These are 'celebration' assemblies where achievements are recognised. Golden jumpers (or golden t-shirts in the summer) are given out to the 'Achiever of the Week' in each class. If your child is awarded this they may wear the sweater/t-shirt for the week. On Friday we collect it back to be washed in school, so they should bring their normal blue sweatshirt/white polo shirt in their bag on Friday so they can change out of it. When a child wins the golden jumper they receive a certificate to keep, which explains why they have been given the award.

Our 'All About Me' theme begins this week with the children thinking about who is in their family. We will be talking about the meaning of the word 'family' and how it can include the people who live at home as well as people who may live in different houses (or even in another country!) We will be producing artwork and writing all to do with our families throughout the week.

We have new groups within our classes. This time named after colours (white, pink, black, orange and purple). Please ask your child which group they are in as **Show and Tell** starts again this week! The first group will be the **White** group across all classes on **Thursday 11 January**. 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.

Thank you to those of you who have washed and returned your child's PE kit – thankfully we have been able to return some misplaced items! If you have not already done so, please wash and return as soon as possible - PE starts again as usual on Friday. At the end of last term a number of un-named PE fleeces were left unclaimed. If you think one of these may belong to your child please contact their class teacher.

You will have seen in the Dates for Diaries that we are holding a Reading Workshop for Parents on Tuesday 16.1.18 9.00am - 9.45am. This will be held in the Studio and will cover strategies and ideas for supporting your child as they learn to read. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Clubs start next week, with two teacher-run clubs being available to Reception children. They will be helped to sign up for these on Tuesday, and you will receive a permission form if your child has asked for one. This must be returned to school this week and places in any over-subscribed clubs will be allocated by lucky dip. You can find further information about the process on the school website: <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/parent-zone/letters/>

Have a good week!

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander and Miss Wright



Messages from the Office

Clubs

The children have had an assembly today about the clubs for this term. Children are signing up today and tomorrow. Slips will come home by Wednesday. All internal clubs start next week.

Reception September 2018

The closing date for applications for Reception September 2018 is 15 January. For applications, please see: www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Nursery September 2018

Applications for Nursery places in September 2018 close 9.00am on 15 January. Any applications should be given into the school Office for the attention of Mrs Noble.

Coming up soon:

January		
Wednesday 10.1.18	9.30am – 10.20am	School open morning for prospective Parents/Carers
Friday 12.1.18	9.00am – 9.30am	5V's Class Assembly – Entry via the office
w/b Monday 15.1.18	-	Internal clubs start this week
Tuesday 16.1.18	9.00am – 9.45am	YR Parents – Reading Workshop
Tuesday 16.1.18	-	Y2 - Y6 Homework Passports sent home
Tuesday 16.1.18	8.40am and 3.00pm	PTA Second Hand Uniform sale at East Gate
Friday 19.1.18	9.00am – 9.30am	1W's Class Assembly – Entry via the office
w/b Monday 22.1.18	-	Golden Book Week
Tuesday 23.1.18	9.00am – 9.45am	Y3 Maths Workshop for parents with their children
Tuesday 23.1.18	2.30pm – 3.00pm	Y4 SRE meeting for Parents/Carers
Tuesday 23.1.18	8.00pm	PTA Meeting – The Cricketers Pub
Wednesday 24.1.18	9.00am – 10.00am	Parents' Forum – Come and have a chat with Mrs Druce
Friday 26.1.18	9.00am – 9.30am	1A's Class Assembly – Entry via the office