



16 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 15.10.18

Upcoming Dates

- **Friday 19.10.18** – Great Harvest Bake Off – 9.00am - 10.00am.
- **Friday 19.10.18** – Half term holiday starts (school closes at normal time).
- **Monday 29.10.18** – School starts at normal time.
- **Tuesday 30.10.18** – PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale (East Gate).
- **Friday 2.11.18** – PTA Fireworks Evening.

Have you Remembered?

- All children should have a pair of named, wellington boots in school.
- For PE, all children need a pair of white trainers please. Children should not be wearing plimsolls.

Can you believe it's nearly half term already? What a fantastic first half-term the children have had. We are beyond proud of how well the children have settled into school life. They deserve a restful and relaxing break.

The focus of our themed learning this week is the story of **The Gingerbread Man**. Have you got a version of the story at home that you could share? For our Harvest celebration, the children will make and decorate gingerbread men and will then sell them to you later in the week. Thank you for your generosity with supplying us with the ingredients!

All of the Reception classrooms will be turned into gingerbread shops on Friday 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 school and buy your child's gingerbread man:

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

Please try to stick to this schedule because, as you can imagine, the classrooms can get very **overcrowded** with lots of parents! When you come into your child's classroom the children will be calmly enjoying Exploration Time. The idea is for us to find your child when you come into the classroom so that they can sell some gingerbread men to you. Please encourage independence with this so that each child can have a go at selling and bagging up the products. It is a great way for them to see the importance of money!

When you buy the gingerbread men, we politely ask that you purchase at least two. This is so that the children can enjoy one in class (which will already be kept aside), and the other to take away with you.

If you can see that your child's classroom is over-crowded please kindly wait outside the classroom for other parents to leave. This will help the children who are selling their products. A quick kiss and a wave goodbye would be fantastic so that we don't have any teary children when grown-ups leave. If you are unable to come into school on Friday for the sale, you can send your donation, suggested amount is 50p per item, in a named envelope and we will send your treat home in your child's book bag.

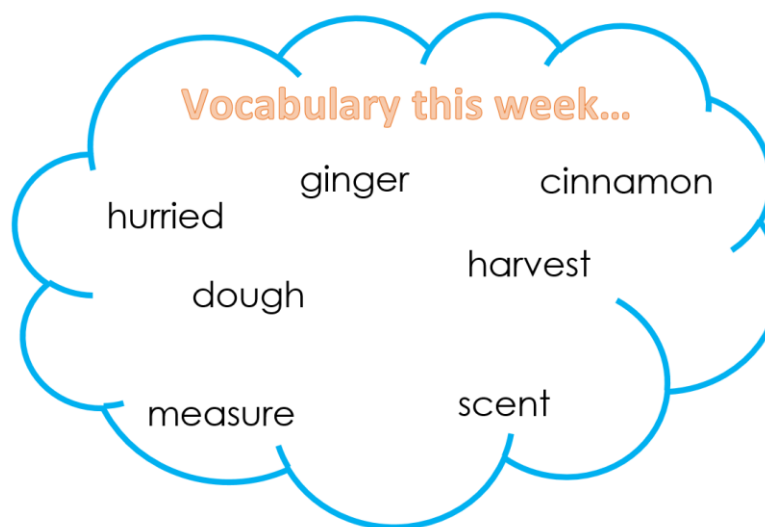
During Phonics sessions this week we will be learning about the sounds 'o', 'c', 'k' and 'ck'. We will be thinking about words that begin with these sounds and will be practising writing the letters; forming them correctly. Can your child find anything at home that starts with these sounds? Can they find the letters written anywhere? We will also be learning about the tricky words: **I**, **the** and **to**. Tricky words are words that cannot be sounded out – we just have to remember them! You could put them on a post-it note in your house.

In maths we will be focusing on the **number 4**. As well as recognising and writing the digit 4, we will look at other ways to represent it, which other numbers it is made of; and how to find one more and one less. Our shape focus is on rectangles. We will be thinking about how to know if a shape is a rectangle, and will be looking for examples of rectangles in the world around us. Can your child find any at home or when they are out and about?

We hope that you have enjoyed looking at your child's **Golden Book** over the weekend. Please return Golden Books back to school, with a positive comment inside, as soon as possible. Thanks!

Have a super half-term!

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander and Miss Rose





Messages from the Office

School Lunches

Please can we remind you to log in to Tucasi and book your child's meals for next half term. We are still getting a high number of children having lunch who have not had a meal booked.

Headlice

A kind parent has informed us that their child has recently been treated for headlice. Please we ask that you remain vigilant in this respect and treat your child at the earliest possible opportunity should the need arise.

Coming up soon:

October		
Tuesday 16.10.18	-	Y2-Y6 Homework due in but none sent home this week
Friday 19.10.18	9.00am – 10.20am	Great Harvest Bake Off – More details to follow
Friday 19.10.18	School closes at the normal time	Half term holiday starts
Monday 29.10.18	8.40am	School opens for YN – Y6
Tuesday 30.10.18	8.40am and 3.00pm	PTA Second Hand Uniform sale at East Gate
November		
Thursday 1.11.18	9.00am – 10.30am	Come and Play - Toddler session
Thursday 1.11.18	2.20pm – 3.15pm	Year 3 Cave Art
Friday 2.11.18	6.00pm	PTA Fireworks Evening – More details to follow
Tuesday 6.11.18	-	Y2 - Y6 Homework Passports sent home
Tuesday 6.11.18	Morning	1W's Local area and Epsom Library visit
Wednesday 7.11.18*	Morning	Y1's Local area and Epsom Library visit (all classes)
Thursday 8.11.18	8.55am	PTA Class Reps coffee morning with Mrs Druce
Friday 9.11.18	All day	Y4 Ancient Greek day
Friday 9.11.18	Morning	1B's Local area and Epsom Library visit
Friday 9.11.18*	8.40am and 3.00pm	PTA Second Hand Uniform sale at West Gate