



# Stamford Green Primary School



10 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – w/b 10.9.18

### Upcoming Dates

- **Monday 24.9.18** Class Open Time 3.00pm - 5.15pm
- **From Tuesday 25.9.18** Children come straight to class when the gates open in the morning.

Next week:

- **Tuesday 2.10.18** Individual school photos for children – please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan
- **Thursday 4.10.18** 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**.
- All school shirts and PE tops should have our school logo on.

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!

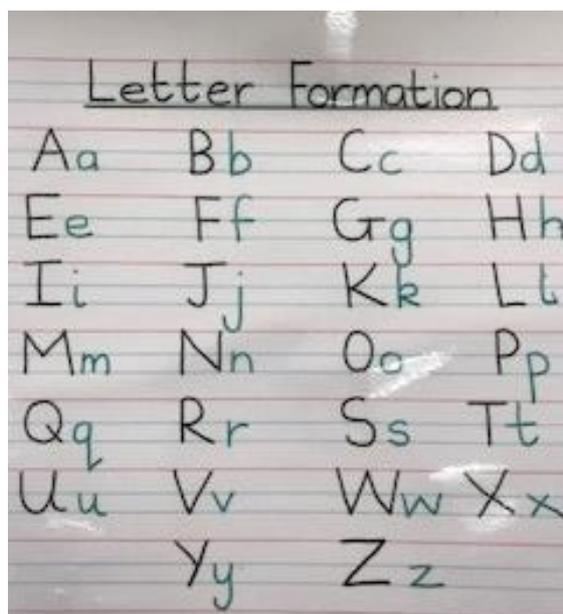
As the children have settled in to the morning routine so well, we have decided to take the next step in helping the children to come into school independently. From tomorrow the children will come straight into their class, as the rest of the school does, rather than lining up for the 'train'. We will practise doing this in class today and talk the children through what to do. Tomorrow, 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 of learning, **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 creative activities! The Fantasy Lands theme will focus on fairy tales from now until after October half term so look out to see which ones the children will be learning about in upcoming newsletters. (See below our vocabulary focus of the week).

We begin teaching Phonics this week. Some of you may say 'What is Phonics?' - Phonics is the way that we teach children about letters and sounds in order for them to read and write. 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 practising to write the letters and form them correctly. Can your child find anything at home that starts with these sounds? Can they find the letters written anywhere?

Many of us write in different ways but it would be fantastic if you could support your child in forming their letters the same way as we do in school. This is how we write our letters at school:



A big part of teaching phonics is practising how to orally blend and segment sounds. For example, if we say the individual sounds 's' 'a' and 't' we can then teach children to push those sounds together to make the word 'sat'. We will explain this and more on Phonics in much more detail at our **YR Meeting for Parents on Thursday 4 October at 2.15pm - 2.55pm.**

In maths this week we will be focusing on the number 1. We will investigate different ways to recognise the digit 1, how to represent the number, how to write the digit and how to find one more and one less. 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?

The children had a brilliant time in PE this week and loved dancing with Mrs James. On a Friday we keep our PE kit on throughout the day because the children have dancing in the morning and outdoor PE in the afternoon. Please ensure that your child is wearing the PE kit t-shirt as listed in the School Uniform List – this should have the Stamford Green logo on. Every child needs a pair of predominantly white trainers - plimsolls are not part of the school PE kit. If your child wears earrings these must be removed on Fridays.

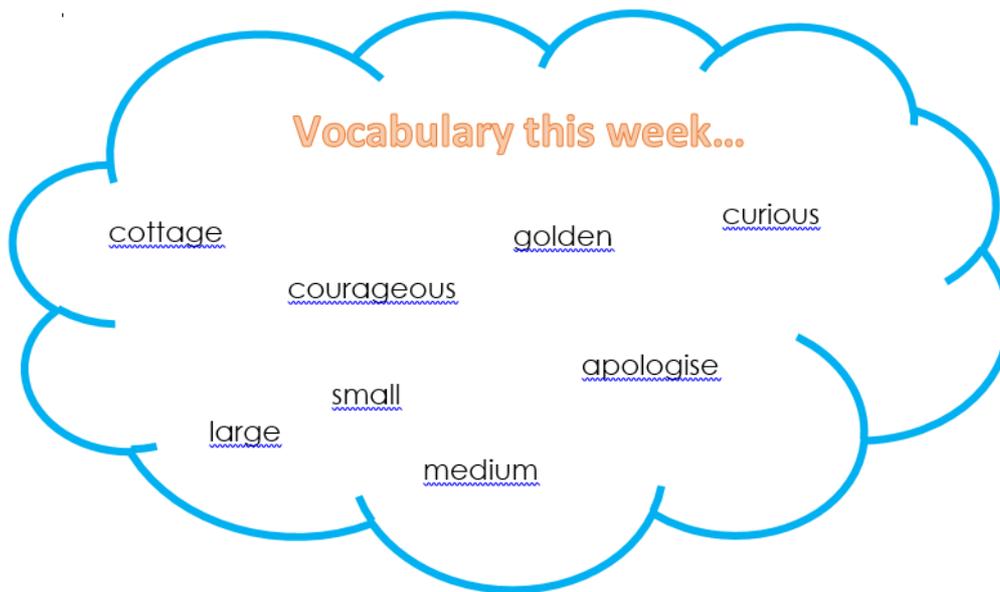
A few key reminders:

- It is lovely for children to see their siblings on the playground, but please try to encourage your older children to play with friends in their year group too. This allows our Reception children to develop their own friendships.
- Lego cards are allowed in school but trading is not allowed. We have had several children swapping cards with friends in the mornings, which is quite disruptive when they are putting their belongings away and getting ready to learn. Thank you for your understanding with this!

We will look forward to seeing you next Thursday for our meeting where we will be sharing lots of important information about learning in Reception, with a particular focus on how we teach maths and phonics and how to support your child at home.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander and Miss Rose



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

- Dr. Seuss



## Messages from the Office

### Online Link Codes

You should all have received an online link code to register your child for Tucasi. The link codes expire, so could you please ensure you have followed the instructions to activate them. Many thanks.

### School Tidy Up Morning / Spruce with Druce! - Saturday 29 September – 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

We will be giving the school a tidy up so please feel free to drop in at some point in the morning. There will be lots of little jobs, where many hands make light work eg. sweeping the YR outdoor area or weeding a flower bed. Refreshments and equipment will be provided.

### School Lunches

Please can parents remember to book a school lunch by midnight the night before it is required. If you have forgotten a meal for your child, please contact the Office by 9.30am on the day.

### Nasal Flu Spray Vaccination

The nurses from Surrey Central Health have been in today to collect the forms. If you have not returned the form and would like your child to have the nasal flu vaccination please bring them in at the latest tomorrow 25/9/18 any forms brought in after this will not be accepted and you will need to book for your child to have the vaccine at the doctors.

## Blue Spots by the East Gate

Please can we remind parents/carers that the blue spots are there to guide the children into school so please don't stand on them or past them. Thank you.

## Update and forewarning about Parents' Evening - on Monday 12 and 19 November 2018

Please can we remind parents not to bring their children to school on Parents' Evening. With nearly 600 pupils in the school we do not have the space to accommodate children who are waiting whilst their parents meet their teacher. We have received feedback from parents that the hall was too busy last time, as children were sitting on the blue chairs, that were meant for adults so people couldn't get into the hall. In addition to this, we have had issues with unsupervised children in classrooms and corridors so would appreciate your co-operation with not bringing your children to school on Parents' Evening. We would encourage parents to help each other out with reciprocal arrangements for childcare. Hopefully, advance notice of these dates gives parents the opportunity to put the necessary arrangements in place.

## Message from the PTA

Welcome to our new families at Stamford Green, and welcome back to existing children and families. We hope you have settled back into the start of term. We have a very active PTA at Stamford Green with lots of events planned this year and many with an exciting Christmas theme this term. Please follow us on Facebook (Stamford Green Primary School PTA) and get involved.

Thank you to everyone who attended our first PTA meeting last week and especially to those people who have agreed to support in specific roles in the coming year. A big thank you to those stepping down for all their huge support and contributions. More details to follow in the upcoming PTA newsletter.

We have 3 opportunities we are looking for help with please:

1. We are thrilled to have filled all vacant roles but are still looking for someone to support in a chair role in co-ordinating the team and events.
2. We are also looking to improve the storage in our PTA shed and wondered if there is a kind carpentry skilled parent or relative who might undertake the work? All materials will be provided.
3. Our PTA Christmas Market will be on Sunday 2 December from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. It's an lovely festive event with games for all the family, refreshments, and handicrafts made by the children for sale. The usual PTA BBQ will be available and we are lucky that Santa usually makes an appearance. We are looking for volunteers to help organise and run this event including organising games and small prizes, Christmas gift stall, market traders, chocolate tombola and Santa's grotto.

If you are able to help with any of these requests please contact us at

[ptastamfordgreen@gmail.com](mailto:ptastamfordgreen@gmail.com)

## Coming up soon:

September		
Monday 24.9.18	YN: 3.10pm – 5.15pm 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. NB: YN's Class Open Time will take place in the Studio
Tuesday 25.9.18	9.00am – 10.30am	Come and Play - Toddler session
Friday 28.9.18	9.00am - 10.00am	Coffee morning for new Reading Heroes with Miss Swann
Friday 28.9.18	1.15pm – 2.45pm	Y6 House Captain speeches for the children in each house
Saturday 29.9.18	9.00am – 12.00pm	School Tidy Up Morning – Parent volunteers needed please

<b>October</b>		
w/b Monday 1.10.18	-	Golden Book week
Tuesday 2.10.18	All day	Individual school photos for children
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Wednesday 3.10.18	All day	Individual school photos for children
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Thursday 4.10.18	2.15pm – 2.55pm	Settling in and phonics meeting for YR parents
Thursday 4.10.18	3.00pm – 3.45pm	Book Fair
Friday 5.10.18	8.40am	Fundraiser – Bag2school collection – More details to follow
Friday 5.10.18	8.55am	PTA Meet and Greet Coffee Morning at school – all parents welcome