



# Stamford Green Primary School



10 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – w/b 10.9.18

### Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday 10.10.18** – School and Nursery Open Morning for prospective parents/ carers (9.15am).
- **Friday 19.10.18** – Great Harvest Bake Off – more details to follow (9.00am - 10.00am).
- **Friday 19.10.18** – Half term holiday starts (school closes at normal time).

### Have you Remembered?

- The mini whiteboards and pens are to stay at home, rather than be in book bags.
- 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.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Settling In and Phonics meeting last Thursday. If you were unable to attend this time the slides are attached with the Weekly Information. If you would like a copy of the resources that were handed out, please email your child's class teacher so that a copy can be put in your child's book bag.

The focus of our themed learning this week is the story of **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**. There will be plenty of opportunities to build bridges, test materials and act out the role of either a goat trip-trapping or a grumpy troll hiding under the bridge! Have you got a version of the story at home that you could share?

During Phonics sessions this week we will be learning about the sounds 'm', 'd' and 'g'. We will be thinking about words that begin with these sounds and will be practising to write 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** and **the**. 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. Don't forget to carry on practising all of the sounds that we have learnt so far and please remember to keep mini whiteboards at home.

The children have been really proud to tell us that they have been **reading** their books to you at home this week! Thank you so much for your support and encouragement with this. The early stages of reading can often be daunting but remember to keep reading as light-hearted and as positive as possible! In your phonics packs (given to you at the Phonics and Welcome Meeting) you will see lots of advice on phonics and how to support your child with reading.

In Maths we will be focusing on the **number 3**. As well as recognising and writing the digit 3, we will look at other ways to represent it, what it is made of and how to find one more and one less. Our shape focus is on squares. We will be thinking about how to know if a shape is a square, and will be looking for examples of squares in the world around us. Can your child find any at home or when they are out and about?

As last week was **Golden Book Week** your child will bring home their Golden Book later in the week once it has been prepared by the teachers. We use the Golden Books for one week each term, so once you have shared your child's work with them, and written a positive comment for them on the comment sticker, please send it back to school as soon as possible. Many families like to keep it over the weekend to give them the chance to share it with wider family and friends. We keep the Golden Books until the end of Year 6, when each child is presented with their own bundle, so please endeavor to keep it in good condition, as we do at school.

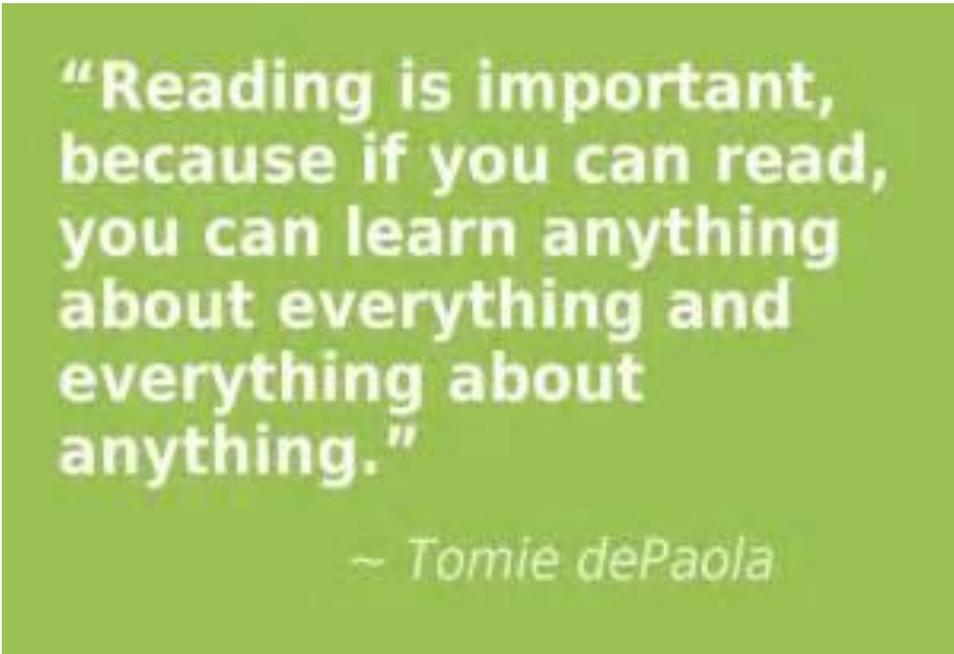
**Friday 19 October** is the school-wide '**Great Harvest Bake Off**' sale and café. Reception will be baking gingerbread men to sell (Can you guess what the fairy tale might be that week?). We will be baking throughout next week with all children taking a turn. Please see below for the recipe and be aware that we will be asking for contributions later this week, which we are very grateful for!

Please keep an eye out for a sticker in the 'Notes' section of your child's Learning Journal this week which may ask them to bring in either a specified amount of one ingredient or maybe a kitchen utensil such as a mixing bowl or spoon. As always, please ensure that anything you send into school is clearly **name-labelled**. If your child has special dietary requirements your child's teacher will be in touch with you at some point this week.

On the 19 October the school will be open from **9.00am - 10.00am** for all children to sell their wares. Each class will be selling their products from their classrooms and the hall will be open as a 'café' for parents to enjoy the delights.

Have a fantastic week.

Mrs Vidal, Miss Verlander and Miss Rose



“Reading is important,  
because if you can read,  
you can learn anything  
about everything and  
everything about  
anything.”

~ Tomie dePaola

Please see below for our vocabulary focus and for our gingerbread men recipe!

## Vocabulary this week...

miles                      grumpy                      hooves  
meadow                      nervous  
trip-trapping                      stream

### Gingerbread Men Recipe

#### Ingredients:

- 100g soft brown sugar
- 100g golden syrup
- 225g plain flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 heaped tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 50g unsalted butter

#### Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to gas mark 5 and grease 2 baking sheets.
2. Sift together all of the dry ingredients. Heat butter, sugar and syrup until dissolved then leave to cool. After that mix them into dry ingredients and make a dough.
3. Chill the dough in the fridge for 30 minutes.
4. Roll out the dough to about 1/4 inch thick and cut into gingerbread men. Place on trays allowing space to spread.
5. Cook for 10-15 minutes. Cool and decorate!

We cannot guarantee that ours will look like this!





## Messages from the Office

### Headlice

Unfortunately, these seem to be an occupational hazard for school age children and a case of headlice has been reported by a kind parent in Reception. Please make sure you check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly if lice or eggs are found.

### Absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness please can you call the absence line and not email the school office. If your child is off school due to sickness and/or diahorrea please keep your child off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diahorrea. Thank you.

### Headstart Holiday Camp

Booking forms for the Headstart October Holiday Club at Stamford Green Primary School can be found on the website: <https://headstartsports.class4kids.co.uk/camps>

### 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.

### Coming up soon:

October		
Monday 8.10.18	9.00am – 10.00am	Parents' Forum – Come and have a chat with Mrs Druce
Wednesday 10.10.18	9.15am	School and Nursery Open Morning for prospective parents/carers
Tuesday 9.10.18 - Friday 13.10.18	Group times TBC	Y2 Pedals – Road safety course
Tuesday 9.10.18	8.00pm	PTA Meet and Greet at The Cricketers Pub. All welcome
Thursday 11.10.18	9.45am – 11.00am	SGSC Generations Coffee Morning for retired residents and our children's grandparents
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