



18 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 18.9.23

Reception PE and Games Days:

RB: Thursday/Friday
RP and RM: Wednesday

Earrings must be removed in the morning before school.

PE kits should be brought into school every Monday morning.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the **correct uniform** including:

- Grey socks (white with summer dress)
- plain black shoes – not trainers or boots
- No jewellery except plain stud earrings.
- No nail varnish
- Long hair fully tied up – not half-up half-down styles.

Wellies and PE Kit

Please send in:
Wellies - Monday 18 September
PE Kit - Tuesday 19 September

What a fantastic week we had last week! The new Reception children made a super start to life at Stamford Green and it has been excellent to see them enjoying exploring their new school. We have been very proud to see lots of examples of resilience, friendship and kindness from the newest members of our school.

This week children will begin to bring home a story book each day for you to enjoy together. This is a way for children to begin the routine of changing their book each week, thinking about stories and having a 'reading time' at home each day. Learning Journals will be handed out and we ask that you write a short positive comment in the relevant day to record the reading that your child has done at home. You could write any comments that they made about the story, for example.

The classes have been so confident and independent when coming into school, with the children now saying goodbye to you at the gate and making their way to their classrooms independently as the rest of the school does (rather than lining up). The Reception staff are on hand along the route to make sure that everyone is heading in the right direction. You can help them by saying goodbye and waving them through the gate then leaving (rather than waiting and waving until they are out of sight). This means they are able to concentrate on making their own way to the classroom for their day, rather than looking back towards the gate. Please do not stand on the blue spots (East Gate) or in the gate path as this blocks the route for other children.

If you are a parent/carer who is not yet part of the class WhatsApp group and would like to be, please have a look on the [website](#) to get the details of your class rep. This group is a great place for reminders about things happening at school and a good way to feel part of the school community.

This week's learning in Reception at a glance:

Learning Question of the week:

Which would be the best material to build a house for the Three Little Pigs?

At school this week we will be continuing to explore the Reception learning space - trying out more of the activities that are on offer, and talking about how to learn and play together successfully.

The first stop on this term's tour of some well-known Fantasy Lands will be tale of the Three Little Pigs. The children will be listening to, and retelling, this familiar story as well as having the opportunity to participate in a range of creative activities. The learning stems from a special question of the week (see above) but it isn't limited to answering this – children explore the story in their own way using their creativity and imagination to respond. Perhaps you have a version to share at home?

In our 'Fantasy Lands' learning we will focus on traditional tales from now until after October half term so look out to see which ones the children will be learning about in the upcoming weekly information.

Phonics

The children all had a short phonics assessment during the staggered entry period, and we will now start learning the routines for our phonics lessons - Read Write Inc. You can find out about the Read Write Inc programme by watching this short film. <https://tinyurl.com/2k4t46fy>

You will also be able to find out much more about how children learn to read and write at Stamford Green, and how you can support them, at the Parent/Carer meetings on 4 October and 5 October – see [Dates for Diaries](#) for details.

This week we will be learning about the sounds m, a, s, d:



Maisie, mountain, mountain



Around the apple and down the leaf



Slither down the snake



Around the dinosaurs bottom and up to his neck

Reading

In your child's Book Bag this week you will find their reading pack and Learning Journal. The story books in the pack are to be shared each day with your child at home. These will be changed in school so please ensure that this pack along with the Learning Journal is in the Book Bag every day. Please record the stories you share together in your child's Learning Journal.

Maths

In maths this week we will be focusing on the number **1**. As well as recognising and writing the digit 1, we will look at other ways to represent it, and how to find one more.

We also have a daily class 'Maths Meeting'. The Maths Meeting activities help us to develop key mathematical skills such as reasoning and comparing. Below is an example of what we look at together. In the green boxes are some of the types of questions we may talk about.

Today is Tuesday.



We might think about:
How many stars can you see? How do you know?
How many would we have with one more? One less?

We think about:
Which one do you think is the odd one out?

You might say 'the cat is the odd one out because it is a land animal and the rest live in the sea'.



We think about:

Can you identify the pattern of the bears? Can you continue the pattern in both directions?

The pattern is green, blue, green, blue...

There are two parts before the pattern repeats itself so we call this a two-part repeating pattern.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Howe

What will your child need at school everyday?



Waterproof coat -

Even if it is sunny, your coat needs to be in school.



Book Bag – you are allowed one keyring on your bookbag.



Named, plastic, sports cap water bottle – please remind your child that this shouldn't be in their bookbag.



Fruit/veg snack -

Please put a small fruit or vegetable snack in your their Book Bag for them to eat at snack time.



For your calendar:

PTA Meeting Tuesday 19.9.23

We will be holding our first PTA Meeting of the new school year next Tuesday at 8.00pm at The Blenheim.

Everyone is welcome.

YR – Y6 - Class Open Time

Option 1: 8.35am – 9.00am Tuesday
26.9.23

or

Option 2: 8.35am – 9.00am Thursday
28.9.23

This is an opportunity to pop into your child's new class.

Coming up soon:

September		
w/b Monday 18.9.23	8.35am	All YN children attending their normal sessions
Monday 18.9.23	pm	5B Swimming at The Rainbow Centre
Tuesday 19.9.23	8.35am	YR attending school for the whole day from now on
Tuesday 19.9.23 – Friday 29.9.23		5O Swimming at The Rainbow Centre
Tuesday 19.9.23	8.00pm	PTA Meeting at The Blenheim
w/b Monday 25.9.23	-	Internal clubs start
w/b Monday 25.9.23	-	Celebrating Stamford Green turning 50! More information to follow
Monday 25.9.23	am	Y6 House Captain speeches for the children in Y3 – Y5
Tuesday 26.9.23	8.35am – 9.00am	YR – Y6 Class Open Time – 50 th Birthday Special – Option 1
Tuesday 26.9.23	9.00am – 10.00am	Positive Parenting workshop, based on the Parenting Puzzle programme with Lesley Lane (Homestart Epsom) for Parents/Carers
Tuesday 26.9.23	2.10pm	YN Parent/Carer play session and catch up with your child's Keyworker
Thursday 28.9.23	8.35am – 9.00am	YR – Y6 Class Open Time – 50 th Birthday Special – Option 2
Thursday 28.9.23	2.10pm	YN Parent/Carer play session and catch up with your child's Keyworker
Friday 29.9.23	All day	Y1 Fairy Tale Dress Up Day
Friday 29.9.23	9.15am – 10.15am	Prospective families Open Morning – School and Nursery - please book via our website.
Friday 29.9.23	Drop in anytime from 3.15pm – 5.30pm	Cream tea thank you for volunteers and a game of rounders for your child – Invitations and more details to follow

Did you offer help to the school last year? Perhaps you came on a trip or offered to help children with their reading as a Reading Hero? Hopefully, you have already received an invite to our Cream Tea thank you which will be taking place on 29 September from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. If you are planning on coming, please could you RSVP via parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk so we can cater accordingly.

Remember, you are free to bring children who will be invited to play a game of rounders with Mr Armstrong - whilst you enjoy some tea, scones and a chat. Look forward to seeing you there!

Reminders for you:

Sickness

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

This [link](#) helps you decide.

e.g. children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

If you do keep your child at home, you must report the absence using the link on our [Website](#) by 8.00am on the day of absence.

Calpol

If your child needs Calpol during the school day for an on-going illness, please could you bring a bottle into school and fill in the Google [Form](#) online.

We have a small supply for emergencies only.

School Lunches

From 1 October 2023 the cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.70. This is the first increase in the cost of a school lunch for many years and we have worked with Accent to keep the rise to a minimum and ensure that the cost is in line with that charged by other local schools.