



9 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 9.10.23

Please don't put water bottles into book bags – even a small leak causes damage to our books.

If your child gets into the habit of wearing their Book Bag across their body, it leaves both hands free for them to carry items.

All labelled items that are found will be returned to their owners in school. If an unnamed item of clothing is missing, please check our school lost property at the office.

You will have received your Phonics flash cards in your child's Book Bag last week. Please cut these out and use them to practice the sounds daily.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our reading workshop last week. We hope you enjoyed finding out about how we teach reading at Stamford Green using Read Write Inc. If you were unable to attend, you can find information about how we teach reading and writing on our [website](#).

Last week the children did their schoolwork in their 'Golden Book'. This will happen across the school on one week each term throughout their entire time at Stamford Green. It is an opportunity for them to share their learning with you at home. They will bring their Golden Book home this week for you to see.

Please:

- Spend a little time talking with them about the things in the book and valuing their efforts.
- Write a short positive message on the sticker which is at the end of the work.
- Return the book to school in their book bag so we can keep it safe and ready to use next term in Golden Book Week.

The result is a lovely record of their learning and development over time and when the children leave the school they are presented with all their books as a keepsake.

During our PE session this week we continue to practise getting changed independently. We are asking the children:

- Can you remove all items of your clothing independently, remembering to leave underwear on?
- Can you keep your clothing together in a neat pile?
- Can you get the clothes out of your PE bag without scattering them too far?
- Can you put your clothing on in an order that works e.g. t-shirt first then jumper or trousers first, then shoes?
- Can you recognise your own clothing by checking the label?
- Can you get your t-shirt/jumper/trousers the right way round?
- Can you get your shoes on the correct feet?
- Can you manage all the fastenings successfully?

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. AFTER A LONG
TIME OF PRACTICING, OUR WORK WILL
BECOME NATURAL, SKILLFULL, SWIFT, AND
STEADY.

- BRUCE LEE -

- Can you check the name labels on your clothes before putting them into your PE bag?

As the children are managing their own belongings as independently as possible at school, there are times when items of kit end up in the wrong bag, or when children accidentally take home the wrong jumper or cardigan. If you discover somebody else's kit in your child's bag, please return it in a separate carrier bag which can be given to the teacher so that we can reunite it with its owner. If you are a member of the class WhatsApp group this is a way to let the other parent know that you have something of theirs or to ask if anyone has something of yours.

Learning Question of the week:
Why is it important to be honest with others?

The focus of our learning this week is the delicious story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Have you got a version of the story at home that you could share? We will be using the repeated language in the story to re-tell the story in our play as well as when we are drawing and writing. We will also be baking our own gingerbread men! All of the adults working with the children in Reception are aware of their specific allergies and dietary needs, but if you have any questions about this activity, please email your child's teacher, via parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

Phonics

The children are working hard in their Read Write Inc sessions. You can find out about the correct way to say the letter sounds here: <https://tinyurl.com/mryy3z5d>

The sounds we are learning this week are u, b, f, e
 The sounds we have learnt so far are: m, a, s, d, t, l, n, p, g, o, c, k
 Please practice reading and writing these on your whiteboards at home.



Reading

Thank you for supporting your child by reading stories to them every day. This is helping your child to develop their love of books and setting them up for a lifetime of reading.

Can your child spot any of the letters we have learnt so far, in their books at home?

Concept Word

This week's concept word is: **Thick**



Help your child at home:

look for thick books in the house or at the library. Alternatively, try to make a thick sandwich

Maths

Can you spot it?

Part-Part-Whole:

Which number is covered?

Part-Part-Whole:

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, how to find one more and one less and what parts the number is made of, for example 4 could be made of 1 and 3; 2 and 2; or 1 and 1 and 1 and 1 etc.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Howe



For your calendar:

PTA AGM Tuesday 10.10.23

Please come along at 8.00pm to find out more about our PTA.
This meeting is taking place at school with refreshments provided.

Everyone is welcome and needed as we look to provide some fun events and raise funds for your child.

YR Stay and Play Friday 13.10.23

Tickets will be available to buy on PTA Events until Wednesday 11 October. Please sign up as it will be a great way for families to get to know each other and for children to play together after school.

Coming up soon:

October		
Tuesday 10.10.23	8.00pm	PTA AGM at school – All welcome to attend
Wednesday 11.10.23	All day	Y4 Ancient Greek day
Wednesday 11.10.23	7.00pm – 8.00pm	YN Parent/Carer Meeting – Helping your child learn to read. Come and find out about the way we are teaching reading and phonics. No access from West Gate.
Thursday 12.10.23	8.35am	Fundraiser - Bags2School
Thursday 12.10.23	8.50am – 9.50am	Coffee morning for Reading Heroes
Friday 13.10.23	8.00am – 8.35am	I've always wondered....Coffee morning for Y5 Parents/Carers - Book here
Friday 13.10.23	After school	PTA Stay and Play Event for YR
w/b 16.10.23	-	Last week for Internal clubs
Wednesday 18.10.23	-	YR – Y6 Flu immunisations
Thursday 19.10.23	-	Harvest charity donations
Friday 20.10.23	8.00am – 8.35am	I've always wondered....Coffee morning for Y4 Parents/Carers - Book here
Friday 20.10.23	After school	PTA Doughnut Sale at East and West Gates
Friday 20.10.23	School closes at the normal time	Half term holiday starts

Reminders for you:

Bag2School

We have our Bag2School collection on Thursday 12.10.23. Parents/Carers can leave bags on Wednesday at drop off or pick up and on Thursday at drop off only.

Flu Vaccines

The portal to consent for the flu vaccination will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 12 October. Please refer to the letter sent on 15.9.23.

Sticky Toffee Puddings

The deadline for designing the label for the PTA sticky toffee puddings fundraiser is Friday 13.10.23. Please hand in your design at the East or West Gate on Friday morning.

West Gate

If you go home via the West Gate can you please make sure you leave the school grounds by 3.30pm as that is when the gate closes.

Reporting Dangerous Driving

If you witness dangerous driving, you can report driving that causes concern to the police. Call 999 if dangerous driving is in progress and you think the driver could cause themselves or others a serious injury, for example if they're a 'drink driver'. Make sure you're not driving and are in a safe place when you call. You can make a report online or over the phone after the event. Or contact your local police force directly if you feel that the driver is unsafe by calling 101.

Stamford Green Trust - Fundraising

Mrs Goodwyn, Benji from 4C's brilliant mum is running a half marathon for the Stamford Green Trust. Her employer will match the money raised up to £1,000 so she is trying to raise as much as possible since all the children at Stamford Green will hopefully benefit. If you would like to support her, please follow this [link](#).

End of the Day

At the end of the day, we need to safely return the children from our care back to their Parent/Carer. The exit of year groups is staggered. However, this process can take a little while and the children's safety is our primary concern. In order to help us, please can we request that:

- Parent/Carers remain behind the blue spots at the East Gate. This ensures that children can see their Parent/Carer clearly.
- The Parents/Carers of Reception use their coloured name cards. If you have mislaid yours, please feel free to make another.
- Parents/Carers must wait patiently and not shout out to their child as this could encourage the child to leave before the teacher has dismissed them individually. We would like dismissal to be a calm experience for all children.
- Please reinforce that each child must tell their teacher that they can see their Parent/Carer. The teacher will dismiss each child once they are confident that the Parent/Carer is ready to receive them.
- Once a child has been collected, please move away to allow other Parents/Carers to move forward.
- Please encourage your child to wait with you rather than playing or climbing the gate/fence/bike storage.

Sow the Seeds of Friendship - Harvest

From Monday 16 October to Thursday 19 October, we will be collecting, as a school, for Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. Please can any donations be delivered to East and West Gate in the morning. Below is a list of the items that the Foodbank most need. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Epsom and Ewell Harvest list 2023:

1. Instant mash
2. Cereal (not porridge)
3. Weetabix
4. Rice pudding
5. Custard
6. Instant coffee
7. Biscuits
8. Noodles
9. Jam / Honey / Marmalade
10. Ketchup / Brown sauce / Mayo
11. Peanut butter / Chocolate spread
12. Shampoo / Conditioner
13. Deodorant
14. Shower gel
15. Soap

16. Chocolate/ sweet treats