



7 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 7.10.24

Save our books!

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 slung across their body, it leaves both hands free for them to carry their water bottle.

Help your child learn to read

All are welcome at our workshop for parents/carers in the school hall.

Tuesday 8.10.24 7.00 - 8.00pm
or

Friday 11.10.24 8.45 - 9.45am

Preschool siblings are welcome at the morning session, but please be mindful of others' listening if they become restless.

School Photos

Individual School Photos will be taken on Thursday 10 October for all Reception Children.

Children with siblings at school will have their sibling photos on Wednesday 9 October.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the [PTA's Stay and Play](#) event this Friday after school. This is a chance to stay for a while after school and have a play together in the school grounds. It's a lovely opportunity to meet some of your child's new friends – a big thank you to the PTA for organising it for the Reception families. Please enter via the office doors and go through the hall to access Stay and Play. Mrs Dray will be in the hall to check tickets or take money if you are buying a ticket on the day.

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:

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

- BRUCE LEE -

- 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?
- 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 rolling and cutting 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.

From our Early Years curriculum, the skills we will focus on this week are:

- Recognise when active listening is needed
- Write the letters with modelling and support
- Talk about familiar and new stories
- Climb over, under and through different environments
- Hold pens, pencils, crayons and paintbrushes using a tripod grip
- Verbally count to 10 forwards and backwards
- Talk about and draw the natural environment of the school
- Listen to simple songs and join in with repeated parts
- Independently change clothes as needed for outside play or PE

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/2p8534p6>

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.



Down and under the umbrella,
up to the top and down to the
puddle



Down the laces, over the toe
and to the heel



Down the stem and draw the
leaves



Lift off the top and
scoop out the egg

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.

For advice on how to support your child with their reading, and to learn about Read Write Inc, the scheme we use to teach early reading at Stamford Green, please join us for our workshop for parents/carers in the school hall: Tuesday 8.10.24 7.00pm - 8.00pm or Friday 11.10.24 8.45am - 9.45am.

Concept Word

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



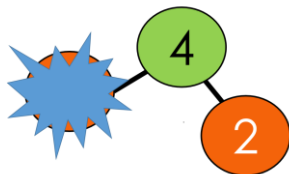
Help your child at home:
look for thick books in the house or at the library. Alternatively,
try to make a thick sandwich

Maths

Can you spot it?

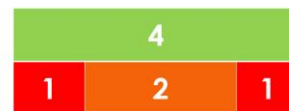


Part-Part-Whole:



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 Price



For your calendar:

Wednesday 16 October
8.00pm

PTA AGM at school.

All welcome to attend.

Friday 18 October

PTA Doughnut Sale after school at the East and West Gate. The East Gate sale will be held in the garden as you exit school onto Christ Church Mount. Please enter one way and then leave through the other gate to ease congestion.

Coming up soon:

October		
Monday 7.10.24 – Friday 18.10.24	pm	5B Swimming at The Rainbow Centre
Tuesday 8.10.24	All day	Y4 Ancient Greek day
Tuesday 8.10.24 – Wednesday 9.10.24	After school	Book Fair – East Gate
Tuesday 8.10.24	7.00pm – 8.00pm	YR 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.

Wednesday 9.10.24	All day	Individual school photos for children in: YN, 5T, 5B, 5P and siblings for all year groups
Thursday 10.10.24	All day	Individual school photos for children in: RB, RP, RH, 1S, 1H, 1BH, 2B, 2J, 2W, 4G, 4V and 4C
Thursday 10.10.24 – Friday 11.10.24	After school	Book Fair – West Gate
Friday 11.10.24	8.45am – 9.45am	YR Parent/Carer Meeting – Helping your child learn to read. Come and find out about the way we are teaching reading and phonics.
Friday 11.10.24	All day	Individual school photos for children in: 3MV, 3L, 3J, 6J, 6WO, and 6B
Friday 11.10.24	After school	PTA Stay and Play Event for YR
w/b 14.10.24	-	Last week for Internal clubs
Wednesday 16.10.24	10.30am – 11.45am	School Council's Generations coffee morning – Grandparents, retired neighbours are welcome to join our School Councillors
Wednesday 16.10.24	8.00pm	PTA AGM at school – All welcome to attend
Thursday 17.10.24	-	Harvest charity donations – more details to follow
Friday 18.10.24	After school	PTA Doughnut Sale at East and West Gates

Reminders for you:

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Photographs take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please see the dates for details of which classes are on which days.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform with a logo on the sweatshirt or cardigan, no PE fleeces. If they have the Golden Jumper, please could you send in a blue school sweatshirt or cardigan as well, thank you.

Calls from School

If we need to contact you, we will leave a message on your phone, if there is no answer.

Please could you listen to your message before you call back so you know which member of staff has called.

Thank you.

Golden Jumpers and Bears

Just a reminder that Golden Jumpers are to be returned on a Thursday ready for celebration assembly on Friday.

Stamford and Buckingham Bear are due back on a Monday after spending the weekend at home!

Thank you