



21 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

New Reception Weekly Information – w/b 21.9.20

Have you remembered?

- Coats and cardigans/jumpers should be in school every day – even if it looks sunny!
- Long hair must be fully tied-back for school.
- Plain water only in water bottles please.

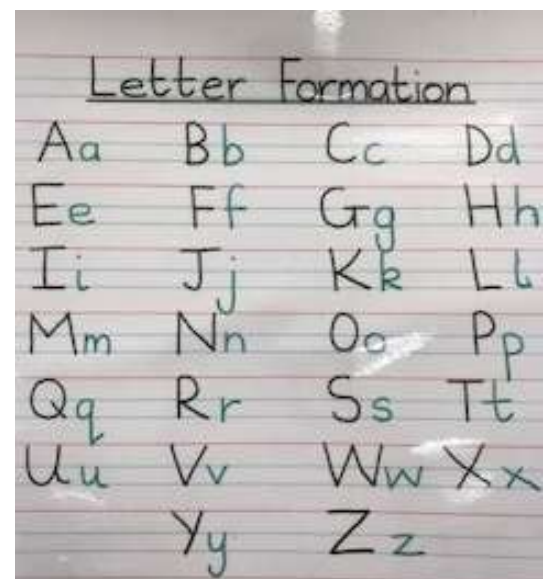
There was a great deal of courage and independence on show last week as the children started the routine of coming directly to the classrooms in the morning. As with all new routines in school we had a practice together at school on Wednesday before doing it for the first time on Thursday. It was lovely to see what a caring group they are, with lots of people offering a helping hand to their classmates who were unsure. We are very proud of them all!

This week, we will be starting our first theme, 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 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 Fantasy Lands theme 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 upcoming newsletters.

We begin teaching Phonics this week. 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 sound 'p' which might be used when we're thinking about the three pigs. We learn that each letter has a name (alphabet) and also a sound (the phonetic sound). This letter sound is a whispered one – no voice is used at all. So take care not to say 'puh' rather than the pure whispered sound.

We will be thinking about words that begin with each sound and practising writing the letters and forming them correctly. Can your child find anything at home that starts with 'p'? Can they find the letter 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.



Thank you for remembering to send your child with their book bag, coat and water bottle every day. We ask that water bottles are never put into the book bags so that the contents aren't damaged by leakages. We encourage children to wear their book bag slung across their body by the long strap

which leaves both hands free – one for the water bottle and one for anything else they might need to carry or do.

Just a reminder that all water bottles should have a sports cap, as per the uniform list. If you're unsure whether your child's bottle is suitable, consider what would happen if a full, open bottle were knocked over. If nothing, or just a few drops, would come out - perfect. If the water would flow freely out, it isn't a good bottle for school. Bottles should contain only plain water. Fruit juice, squash and flavoured waters aren't allowed.

The children have been doing a fabulous jobs getting to grips with the routines of reception so far – we have been so impressed. We're looking forward to sharing lots more fun and learning this week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Vidal, Mrs Ball, Mrs Temlett and Miss Larcombe



Messages from the Office

Reception Online Payment Access Information

Online Payment Access Information letters were sent home with children on their first day of school. If you have not created an online account with Scopay (our online payment system), please can you ensure you do so as soon as possible. The online link code provided may expire if not used. You will need this account to book school lunches and make payments for trips and events and extended services.

If you require a copy of your letter, please email Mrs Wishart at wishartf@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

Reception School Lunches

If your child requires a school lunch, please ensure you log into your Scopay account to book your child's meals. Please note that school lunches must be booked in advance of the day required. If you need help booking school dinners, there is a user guide on our school website which can be found under Parent Zone, Useful Information, Quick Reference Guide.

Threadworm

A kind parent in Reception has let us know their child has had worms. Should you have any concerns about your own child, please see the following guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/worms-inhumans/>

Reporting a child's absence

If you are telephoning the school to report a child's absence please:

- Give your child's full name and class.
- Clearly state the full reason for the absence, including any symptoms if applicable.
- Give as much detail as possible.
- Tell us whether or not the absence is associated with COVID-19 requiring a period of self-isolation for the whole household.

For full guidance on symptoms and when to self-isolate or seek a test please see below and also the [newsletter](#) for more details.

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

- Dr. Seuss

A reminder regarding cold and COVID-19 symptoms from the DfE:



Coming soon:

September		
w/b Monday 21.9.20	-	5B Bikeability Level 2 training
w/b Monday 21.9.20	8.40am	YN staggered entry continued
w/b Monday 21.9.20	8.40am	YR staggered entry continued
Wednesday 23.9.20	-	Existing YR – Y5 Class Photos
w/b Monday 28.9.20	8.40am	New YN children start full time
Thursday 1.10.20	8.40am	YR start full time
Thursday 1.10.20	8.00pm	Virtual PTA AGM – meeting details to follow