



18 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 18.10.21

YR Parents/Carers Workshop: Phonics and Reading

Come along and find out how we teach reading in Reception and how you can help your child with their reading at home too. If you did not make it last Thursday please come along this evening.

Monday 18.10.21 7.00pm – 8.00 pm

Have you remembered?

- School is closed this **Friday 22 October**.
- Have you signed the **permissions sticker** in your child's Learning Journal to allow them to participate in the filming of the Harvest song if you would like them to? Only some children had this sticker. If you didn't see it, your child's school media consent (which you returned at the start of the year) already allows them to take part.
- Can your child put on and fasten their own school shoes without help? If not, have a practice each day to develop this skill. They need to loosen the Velcro or laces in order to put their foot into the shoe. N.B. for most children of Reception age laces will be beyond their current fine motor skills which is why we ask that children have Velcro fastenings on their school shoes and PE trainers unless they are confident to use laces independently.

It's hard to believe the children have already been in school for half of a term. We are so very proud of each and every one of them and the way they have settled in and faced new challenges with courage and resilience. It takes a huge amount of brain power to settle into the new environment – remembering names, organizing belongings and getting used to the new routines. They have all done a fantastic job, and are certain to be ready for a break next week!

For our final week before the half term break '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' is our story focus. This is a story that lends itself very well to acting out and we will be using the repeated language during Exploration Time – we are expecting to hear a lot of 'Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum' in our indoor and outdoor classrooms as well as at Forest School this week! We will also be doing some fun art activities on Thursday, including collaging pumpkins to incorporate Harvest and Halloween.

In maths we will be focusing on the number **5**. As well as thinking about how to write the digit and how count to 5 or count five objects, we will think carefully about where and how we might see 5 and what parts it is made of (i.e. five 'ones'; a three and a two etc). Can you find the number 5 when you are out shopping, or whilst looking in your kitchen cupboard? Do you know what 5 looks like on the dice or on dominoes?

One or two parents have asked about after-school clubs for Reception children. Experience has shown us that it's best to give them a chance to settle into their regular routines without any added



extras to think about this term – especially as after half term it won't be long before we get into the excitement of the run-up to Christmas. Clubs are an added challenge (particularly for children who are still developing their confidence in self-organisation), which we leave until Y1, where there will be plenty of opportunity for them. The children in YR will still have the opportunity to attend a PTA Cushion Club after school – so watch this space.

"Courage does not
always roar.
Sometimes courage is
the quiet voice at the
end of the day saying,
"I will try again
tomorrow.'"
- Mary Anne Radmacher

We hope you have a lovely week, and we wish you all a wonderful half term break,

Mrs Ball, Mrs McCarthy and Miss Poole.



Messages from the Office

Drop off and pick up times

A reminder that from today, parents/carers can drop their child at school at any time between 8.35am and 8.50am. Nursery drop off is at 8.40am. Also the following pick up times will apply: YR – 3.00pm; Y1/Y2 – 3.05pm; Y3/Y6 – 3.10pm; Y4/Y5 – 3.15pm. Nursery pick up is 3.10pm (afternoon club) or 2.40pm.

Friday 22 October – School Closed

A reminder that we will be closed for pupils and staff on Friday as we have a day off in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday next year.

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations - Autumn Term

Please find the dates for the meetings and Class Open Times, this term in the Dates for Diaries section below. There will be an opportunity to either meet your child's teacher virtually or in person. Feedback from both staff and parents/carers has shown that it would be preferable if we can offer both types of meeting so that parents/carers can decide which option they would prefer. Please note that if you choose to meet in person, your child will not be able to accompany you due to lack of space available and no supervising capacity at school. A letter with more information will follow, including when and how to book your appointment. Class Open Time will precede the in person or virtual consultation so that you can look at your child's learning and visit their room.

PTA Meeting Wednesday 20 October, 8.00pm – change of venue

The next PTA meeting will be taking place at the Blenheim Pub on Manor Green Road, everyone is welcome.

PTA Doughnut Sale

The PTA will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts at the Halifax in the Ashley Centre on Saturday 23 and Saturday 30 October from 9.30am.

Message Books

If you need to leave a message at the beginning of the day, there is a message book at each gate in the morning. These will be collated and passed on accordingly.

Bag2Schools

A reminder that tied-up bags can be brought to the East or West Gate on Wednesday 20 October at drop off or pick up and then on Thursday 21 October at drop off only. Please use a black bin liner (or similar) to donate your items.

Harvest

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest this year, being the first time in a while that we have been able to celebrate properly. In school, each class will be having an assembly with their class teacher in order to learn about what Harvest actually is and what it means to farmers past and present. In addition, each class is currently beavering away learning a Harvest song which will be shared with the parents via Google Classroom/our school website.

To help show our gratitude for the all the things we are lucky and privileged to have, like last year, we will be collecting items for Epsom and Ewell Foodbank.

Last year's collection totalled around half a tonne of items and having seen the looks on the faces of the workers at the foodbank myself when I delivered it all, they were absolutely blown away by the generosity of our school community and were so grateful for everything they received. Epsom and Ewell Foodbank have produced a short video to help explain how your donations are used and how you can help. <https://vimeo.com/606567731>

If you are able, please would you kindly send any items from the list below to collection points at the East and West Gates on the morning of **Tuesday 19 October**.

Delivery of the items will take place during the day on Tuesday. If there are any parents out there who are able to help us by delivering the items we collect on Tuesday between 10.00am and 1.00pm, please can you contact me via parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your support.

OUR CURRENT NEEDS

DEODORANT - MALE AND FEMALE

POWDERED MILK

SHAVING FOAM

SHOWER GEL

NOODLES (DRIED EGG/RICE NOODLES OR STRAIGHT TO WOK)

SQUASH

TINNED FRUIT

COFFEE

MEAT PIES (NO ALCOHOL)

BAGS FOR LIFE

PLEASE, NO MORE OF THESE ITEMS

PASTA (IE PENNE, FUSILLI, SHELL PASTA AND SO ON)

RICE

SKIMMED UHT MILK

MARMALADE / HONEY

CAT FOOD / DOG FOOD

ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES

TAMPONS/ SANITARY TOWELS

Coming up soon:

October		
Monday 18.10.21	7.00pm – 8.00pm	YR Parents/Carers Workshop: Phonics and Reading – Come and find out about the new way we are teaching reading and how your child will learn. Please wear a face covering and do a LFD test if possible.
Tuesday 19.10.21	8.40am	Harvest collection for Epsom and Ewell Food Bank
Wednesday 20.10.21	9.30am – 10.30am	Open Morning – Nursery Tour for Nursery Entry only for Sept 2022. Please click the link to book a place https://forms.gle/hpeAWVtFv3TLSstb6
Wednesday 20.10.21	8.00pm	PTA Meeting at *Blenheim Pub* – All welcome to attend
Thursday 21.10.21	8.40am	Fundraiser – Bag2school collection
Thursday 21.10.21	School closes at the normal time	Half term holiday starts
Friday 22.10.21	School Closed	Holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022.
November		
Monday 1.11.21	8.40am	School opens for YN – Y6
Monday 1.11.21	End of Day to 5.15pm	YR Class Open Time
Tuesday 2.11.21	End of Day to 5.15pm	Y3 Class Open Time
Thursday 4.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	RM's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 4.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	RB's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 4.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	RP's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 4.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	3J's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 4.11.21	End of Day to 5.15pm	Y4 Class Open Time
Friday 5.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	3S's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Friday 5.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	3K's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Friday 5.11.21	Times tbc	PTA Fireworks
Monday 8.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	4W's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Monday 8.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	4V's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Monday 8.11.21	End of Day to 5.15pm	Y6 Class Open Time
Tuesday 9.11.21	End of Day to 5.15pm	Y1 Class Open Time
Wednesday 10.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	6DA's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Wednesday 10.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	6L's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Wednesday 10.11.21	11.40am Mon - Wed 3.10pm to 5.15pm Wed - Fri	YN Class Open time
Thursday 11.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	1A's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 11.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	YN (SW)'s Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 11.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	1B's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 11.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	6C's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 11.11.21	End of Day to 5.15pm	Y2 Class Open Time
Friday 12.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	YN (AH)'s Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Monday 15.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	YN (VF)'s Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Monday 15.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	2J's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Tuesday 16.11.21	End of Day to 5.15pm	Y5 Class Open Time
Wednesday 17.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	2F's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Wednesday 17.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	2W's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation

Thursday 18.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	4G's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 18.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	1MV's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 18.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	5P's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Thursday 18.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	5T's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Monday 22.11.21	8.00am - 12.00pm	5B's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Monday 22.11.21	1.00pm - 4.00pm	5S's Virtual Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation
Wednesday 24.11.21	3.30pm - 5.30pm	YN (AF), RM, RP, 1B, 1A, 2F, 3S, 4W, 4G, 5P, 5B, 6DA's Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation at school
Wednesday 24.11.21	3.30pm - 6.00pm	YN (AH), YN (SW), RB, 1MV, 2J, 2W, 3J, 3K, 4V, 5T, 5S, 6L, 6C's Parent/Carer Teacher Consultation at school