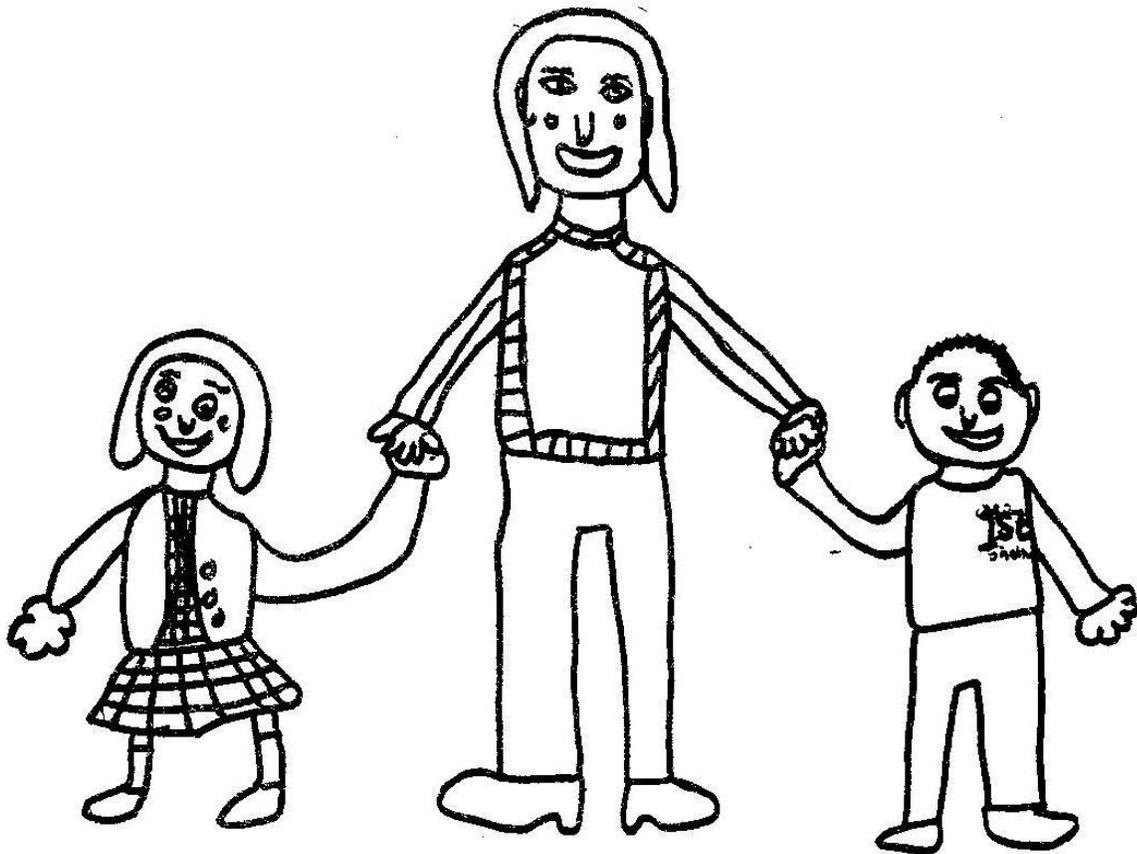


Dear

This booklet is for you and your family. It tells you all about the different things that happen at School. We hope that you enjoy looking through it, and look forward to seeing you soon.



## Celebrating Success

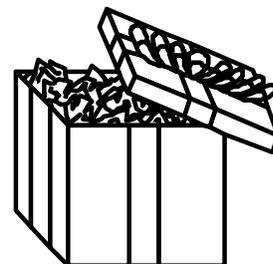
We like celebrating good things and so when you have done something special you are given a house point. All the children in the school belong to a group called a House. There are four Houses in our school. They are called Ashbrittle, Stawley, Greenham and Appley. Sometimes you will do activities with other children in your house group. Your house points will be added together with all the other children's points each week and the House with the most points is revealed in our whole school Celebration Assembly on Friday morning. Each house has a colour and the winning house has their colour ribbons tied to the House Point Cup.

During Celebration Assembly, we also celebrate children who have done something really special that week. Their names are written in Stawley Primary School's Celebration Book and put in the school's weekly newsletter that is sent out to all the parents, staff and governors in the School!

Sometimes, you might also get a sticker from the Head teacher for some extra special learning that you have done.

## Show and Tell

Each week you can bring something special into school to share with the other children. Sometimes you might just want to tell them something exciting! We do Show and Tell on Monday mornings.



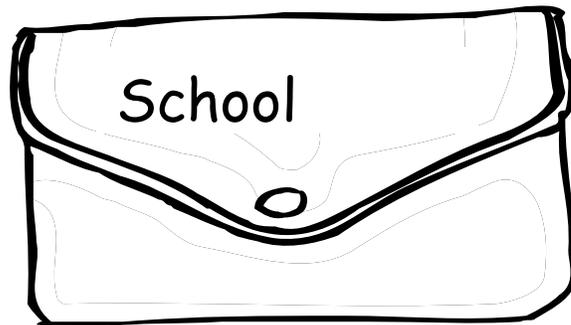
## Your Things

You will have your own box with your name and a picture on it. You can put your coat and PE kit here as well as spare clothes, hats, gloves, scarves, trainers and wellies. There is also a special place to put your lunch box and water bottle. When your wellies are very muddy you can put them on our special welly rack.

In the classroom you will have a tray with your name on it. You can keep your things in here. We also have a special box for your book bag and another one for your jumper if you feel hot and need to take it off.

## Your Book Bag

You will need to bring your book bag to school every day. We put important letters for home in your book bag. You will also have a Home School Diary and a school reading book. We read every day so it is important to make sure you remember your diary and your book! We like Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads or any other adult you can ask, to write in your Home School Diary each day to say what you read and how you got on because it is really important to practise reading every day if possible.



### Arriving in the morning

When you come to school your adult can bring you into the classroom and help you put your things in the right place. You will quickly be able to show them what to do! After you have put your things away you will need to find your name,

write over it with a white board pen and put it in the basket so we know you are here. Then you can chose to sit in the classroom and look at a book or go outside and play with your friends until the bell goes just before 9 o'clock when everyone comes inside. We check that everyone has arrived by doing the register.



If you are poorly and cannot come to school your Mum or Dad will need to phone and tell us. Hopefully you won't be poorly very often! If you feel poorly at school you can tell a teacher and we will look after you. If you are really poorly, we will ring Mum and Dad to tell them.

## Morning Snack

During the morning we have a drink of milk or water and eat a snack. We all wash our hands and sit together and whilst we eat we listen to a story. There is a choice of snack, often there are apples, bananas, satsumas or carrots.



## Break Time

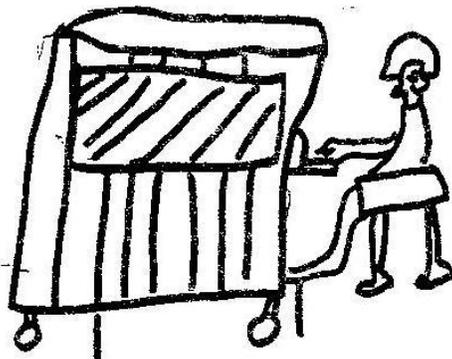
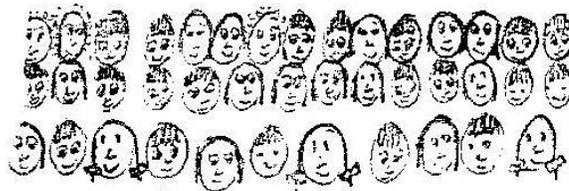
At 10.30am all the children in school have a break from their learning and go out to play in the playground. There are things for you to get out and play with like balls and hoops. We make sure that ball games are played on one side of the playground so that children who don't want to play can have space to enjoy their game. In nice weather we play on the play structure and in the Summer we use the field too.

## Assemblies

We have our special Celebration Assembly on Friday mornings. We sing and celebrate all the learning and success the children have had, no matter how old or young they are.

On Tuesdays we have an assembly with Elaine, our Lay Minister. She always makes sure her assemblies are fun and meaningful and she loves to come and join in our activities in class afterwards!

There is also a whole school assembly on Thursday morning. This might be in Class 1, 2 or 3, depending which teacher is doing assembly that day. There is often something to talk about that affects the school such as Children in Need, Sports Relief or the Christmas play.



## Lunch Time

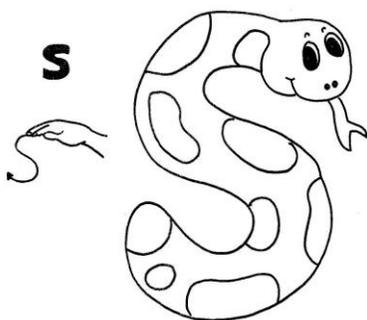
You will eat your lunch at a table with your friends in our new hall along with the rest of the school.



You can bring a packed lunch from home (please make sure it has your name on, so you won't lose it) or you may like to have a cooked lunch from school instead. They are free for children in Reception and Key Stage 1. Our lovely meals are made by Red Field Kitchens. There is always a vegetarian alternative **and** a pudding and there are big jugs of water on the table ready for you to drink.

All the children are invited to say grace before they start eating and there are always adults to help you with unwrapping or cutting something up. Once everyone has eaten then it is time to play outside!

## What will you do at school?



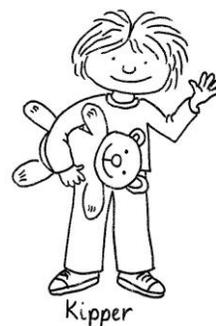
### Reading

We hope you enjoy sharing books with your friends and family and are getting to know lots of rhymes and traditional tales.

At school you will hear stories every day. The book corner in our classroom is a special place to sit while you are looking at and reading books. There are books about everything - dinosaurs, pirates, trains, fairy tales and lots more. What types of books do you like?

At school we use Phonics to help you to learn your letter sounds and names.

Your first reading books won't have any words. You can use the pictures to help you tell the story and talk about what is happening.



Ask your grown-up to write down when you read to them and how you got on in your Home School Diary.

## Writing

At school you will learn how to write down the sounds that you can hear. We will show you how to write the letters correctly and how to write words and whole sentences. Remember, if you are learning how to write your name use a capital letter at the beginning.

William  
Ben  
Chloe  
Joshua

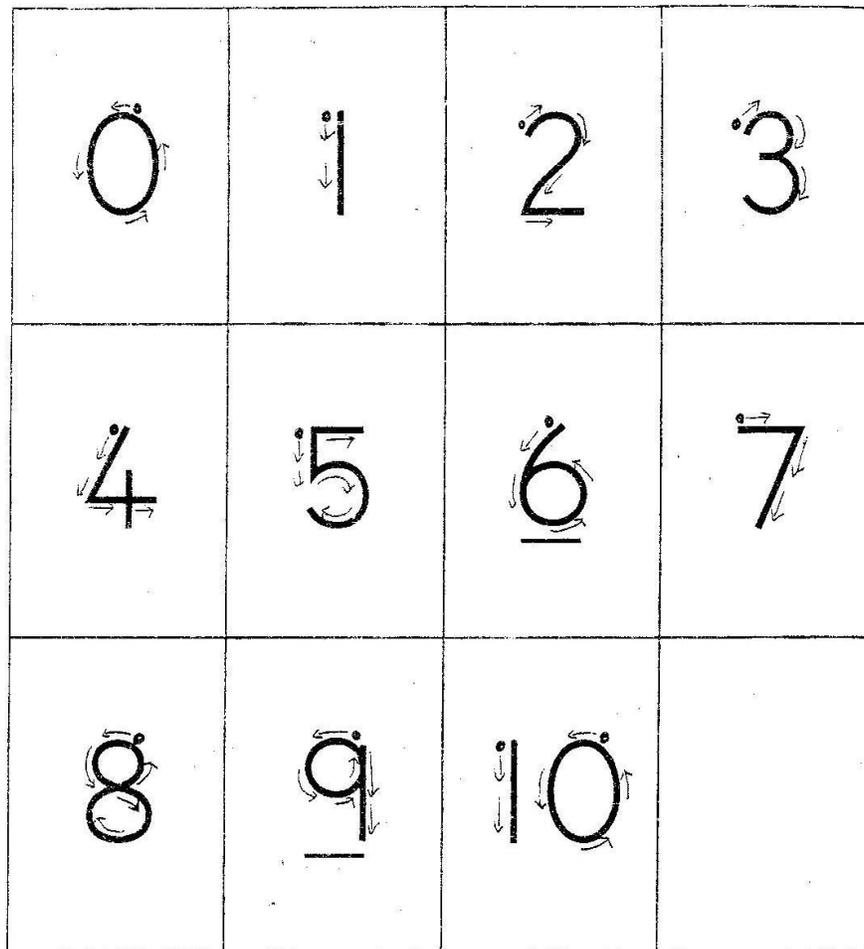
We will be writing while we play all the time; in the role play, in the sand, on the chalk board and, on a whiteboards, and we have lots of different types of pens and pencils to use. What will you write?



# Mathematics

At school we will do lots of mathematical activities. Along with learning about numbers, you will do lots of measuring, weighing, looking at shapes, making models, following directions and using the computer.

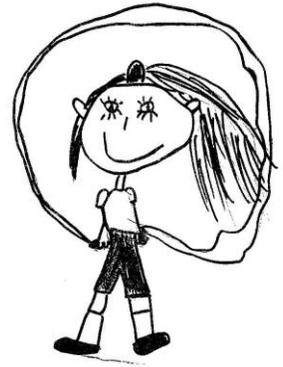
This is how we write our numbers:



Do you know any of these?

## PE

We also do PE so you will need to remember your PE kit each week and make sure it has your name on the bag and on your top, shorts and shoes. All the adults will help you with things you find hard to take on and off or do up, but have a go at getting changed by yourself at home.



### **Activity Time**

At school there are lots of things for you to play with inside and outside. Sometimes you can choose what you want to play with and sometimes there are special activities for you to try. Make sure you have a go at them all!

We also do lots of "messy" things like painting, sticking and making models. You will be able to use play dough and play in the sand and the water.

We have aprons at school to keep your uniform clean and also to keep you dry when you play in the water.

## Welly Walks

We will often go out on a Welly Walk around the countryside so you will need a waterproof coat to keep you warm and dry, as well as a pair of wellingtons to keep in school. In hot sunny weather, you will need a sun hat too.



We might look for mini-beasts, leaves and seeds, climb styles, go on a scavenger hunt and make our finds into pictures or splash in puddles, as well as lots of other exciting and adventurous things!

## Home Time

You go home at 3.15pm. Your Mum, Dad or someone else you know will wait for you in the playground outside your classroom. Your teacher will make sure they see your grown-up before you can go. Remember to take all your things home with you at the end of the day!



We hope this booklet has helped you and your family to know what will happen when you start school.

Remember, when you come to school you will learn lots of new things and have lots of fun with your teachers and your new friends!