



Stamford Green Primary School



21 November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 21.11.16

Although it is still November, Christmas starts in earnest this week in Reception! The children have already enjoyed learning a few songs and a dance for their first ever performance at school. Please see below for a reminder of the date of your child's performance:

RM's First Christmas Carols, 9.00am - 9.30am on Tuesday 13.12.16

RW's First Christmas Carols, 9.00am - 9.30am on Wednesday 14.12.16

RV's First Christmas Carols, 9.00am - 9.30am on Thursday 15.12.16

RD's First Christmas Carols, 9.00am - 9.30 am on Friday 16.12.16

All performances take place in the hall and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. In YR, as each class does their own performance, there is no need to book a place and Grandparents are more than welcome. **Please note that no costume is required for your child's Christmas performance, just a Christmas jumper to be worn with the usual school uniform!** The children are then invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on **Friday 16 December** for the school-wide Save the Children charity event (£1 donation).

We will focus on reading the Christmas story this week and learning about how the story of Jesus' birth relates to our modern-day celebrations of Christmas. We will deepen our knowledge and understanding of the world by reflecting upon the ways that this story is different from the others we have looked at so far e.g. some people believe that this story is true, it is linked to the religion of Christianity etc. The children will also get to know the story in familiar ways such as through role play and story mapping.

The children are nearing the end of Phase 2 of Letters and Sounds and are ready to learn an extra sound a week for the remainder of the term. The new sounds this week will be 'r,' 'h' and 'b'. As always, there will be new songs and actions for your child to show you! You may also hear your child begin talking about 'tricky words' this week as we start to introduce the idea that there are some important words that you can't 'sound out' e.g. 'the'. All children need to learn to recognise these words on sight and at speed. Between now and the Christmas holidays we will be learning: the, to, I, no, go and into.

Our maths focus moves onto 'shape' this week and the children will be learning all about cubes and cuboids, as well as their related 2D shapes: squares and rectangles. Please help your child to spot these shapes when out and about or around your home. We will be encouraging the use of mathematical language such as: faces, corners, sides etc. and using shapes as a basis for counting e.g. how many corners does a cube have? The children will also be continuing their independent work on improving their number formation.

It is the **Ovals** group's turn for Show and Tell on **Thursday 24 November**. Please be aware that we may not be able to fit your child's Show and Tell in on another day so make sure that they have their item with them on Thursday. As always, please make sure that their possession is clearly name-labelled and is nothing too precious, fragile or expensive. We cannot guarantee the safety of items bought into school for Show and Tell.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Dryland, Mrs Vidal & Miss Wright



Messages from the Office

PTA Christmas Disco Wednesday 30 November

A friendly reminder that all tickets for the Christmas Disco must be purchased via Tucasi by 4.00pm on Tuesday 29 November. No tickets will be sold after this.

Away in a Danger! - Parent Workshop

Friday 2 December 9.00am – 10.00am and Monday 5 December 6.00pm – 7.00pm

You are invited to an information session to explore the impact screens have on children. Come and find out practical ideas about how to keep your children safe on the internet, whether on a mobile or a tablet. Also, we will be talking about the effects screen time have on our children. Did you know that mood swings and sleep can be directly related to screen times?

Any queries, please contact Mrs Kathryn Dray - Deputy Headteacher: Inclusion
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