



Stamford Green Primary School



5 December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 5.12.16

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Market on Sunday. It was a fantastic event which hopefully got everyone into the festive spirit! Each child in Reception has made a pair of Christmas tea light holders; if you didn't have a chance to pop in and buy them on Sunday please feel free to send in £4.00 cash (£2.00 if you would rather just buy one) in your child's book bag and we will send their candle holder(s) home with them.

Our stories this week all have a Christmas theme. We will be focusing on Mog's Christmas Calamity by Judith Kerr and Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. The children will be completing a range of activities inspired by these stories both inside the classrooms and in the outdoor area.

Our maths focus will continue to be on 3D shapes (with the children gaining some practical experience in wrapping different shaped presents!). Alongside this, the children will be continuing to practise their number formation as well as using a number line to count backwards and forwards. This week's new sounds will be 'v,' 'w' and 'x'. As always there will be a new song and action for each sound, your child may want to share these with you at home and you can help them to spot the new sounds in their reading books.

All of the children have had their turn for Show and Tell for this term, it will start again in the Spring term (please be aware that the children's groups names will change after Christmas).

Last week we mentioned that the children will need a Christmas jumper for their upcoming 'First Christmas Carol' performances. Please could these be sent into school as soon as possible (where they will be used for dress rehearsals and stay in school until the performances). Please note that **Friday 16 December** (the day of RD's performance) is 'Christmas Jumper Day' for the whole school. RM, RV and RW's Christmas jumpers will be returned in order for the children to wear them in for Christmas Jumper Day, RD's will be in school already for their performance.

The performances in YR are not ticketed so please feel free to bring siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc! Unless your little one is sleeping please leave their buggy outside, under the scooter shelter, in order to save space. Also please remember that there will be a photo opportunity after the show...so you can just relax and enjoy the performance! A retiring collection will take place after each performance for the charity Crisis. This charity works all year round but has 10,000 volunteers to help 4,000 homeless people in London alone over the Christmas period. Their aims are to provide real help to homeless people and support people to move onto a better life.

Finally, Reception are off on their first school trip just before Christmas. We are going to have a look around Christ Church and learn more about this special building. We are asking for at least 10 volunteers to accompany us on the morning of either the **19** or **20 December** (RM and RV will be going on the Monday and RD and RW will be going on the Tuesday). Please be aware that you will be assigned to the class or group of children that needs support rather than necessarily being with your own child's class or group. If you are able to offer your help on either (or both!) days, please let your child's class teacher know.

Best wishes,

Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Dryland, Mrs Vidal and Miss Wright
The Reception Team



Messages from the Office

We have a couple of incidents of Scarlett Fever reported in the school. Please refer to the NHS link: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Symptoms.aspx>

Absence

If your child is absent due to illness please leave a message on the absence line before 9.00am on each day that your child will be off school. Please do not send emails with regards to your child being absent from school due to illness. If we do not receive a call the absence will be marked as unauthorised and you may receive a letter from the Education Welfare Officer.

If your child is absent due to an appointment and you do not require a school dinner please let the school office know. Many thanks.

Y1-Y3 Nasal Flu Vaccine

Just to let you know Y1, Y2 and Y3 will be having their Nasal Flu Vaccine on Wednesday this week.

Christmas Jumper and Jeans Day - Friday 16 December

We will once again be supporting the Save the Children charity and the children can wear their Christmas jumper with jeans (other forms of trousers will be allowed) in exchange for £1.

Emergency School Closure

Although no snow is forecast in the imminent future, please see the link to our procedures for emergency school closure in the event of any adverse weather http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/Policies/Emergency_School_Closure_Website_Information_-_8.12.16.pdf

Letters to Father Christmas

Please note the last posting date for letters to Father Christmas is this Friday.

PTA Christmas Cards and other items

These will be coming home in the next day or two. If you would like to order additional products or other items please see the unique code on the front of the Christmas card packs.