



19 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery Weekly Information – w/b 19.3.18

Thank you for coming along to Parents' Evening, it was so lovely to meet with you and have the opportunity to talk about your children and how well they are doing. Their Discovery Folders were available to look through on both evenings, if you did not get the chance to see them and make a comment on the stickers, please come in and ask us about it.

This week:

- We will continue to be doctors and nurses in our role play area as the children have loved it so much
- We will be using our shape of the week to make drawings of our own faces
- We will make playdough and then use it to role play being bakers
- We will be baking mud cakes in our muddy kitchen
- We will continue to create our nature crowns during our Forest School sessions.

Number of the week	Shape of the week	Letter of the week
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Sounds learned so far – s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h, r, m, d and g		



Sports Relief Friday 23 March

This year's Sports Relief event will be raising money by attempting to break a world record for the most amount of people dancing across the country! If your child attends Nursery on a Friday then they will be taking part in our whole school Sports Relief event. Your child will need to wear either leggings or joggers with trainers (normal uniform on their top half). The leg wear can be any colour on this occasion.

Snacks

Please can we remind all parents to cut up small fruits such as grapes. The staff are having to do this in school if they have not been cut up at home, this takes time away from our snack time activity.

Finally, a warm reminder to please label everything your child wears or brings into school. Items are often mislaid and it's much easier to return lost items when they are named.

Thank you,

Mrs Frost and Mrs Hughes
Nursery Class Teachers / Leaders of Learning



Messages from the Office

Childcare vouchers close to new entrants soon

The government has announced that the childcare voucher scheme will close to new entrants on 6 April 2018. Any working parent who currently uses registered childcare (or plans to use registered childcare in future) needs to sign up to their employer's childcare voucher scheme and receive a voucher by 5 April. If parents don't register on a scheme and receive a voucher by this date, then Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) will be your only option (if you are eligible).

If you don't need childcare vouchers immediately, you can simply register on your employer's scheme today and place an order for the minimum amount. As long as you receive a childcare voucher from your employer in every rolling 12-month period, you'll remain on the scheme.*

* Any parent who's already registered for childcare vouchers can carry on ordering them even after April 2018, providing they've received a voucher in the last rolling 12-month period. For example, if they last received a childcare voucher on 25 May 2017 they need to receive their next voucher on or before 25 May 2018 to remain eligible.

Wanted!

Are you having a spring clean? In Reception we are always looking to develop our learning provision and we are currently looking for the following items. Do you have any of them lying unused in your cupboard/shed/toybox?

If you decide it's time for a clear-out we can promise to put them to very good use!

- Offcuts of fake grass.
- Pieces of drainpipe or other pipes.
- Bikes and cycle helmets suitable for age 4-5.
- Gravel/bark/pebbles/wood and rope off-cuts and other similar garden leftovers!
- Small world toys and figures such as Playmobil in particular:
 - Pirate ship
 - Castle
 - Vehicles/garage
 - Emergency services
 - Houses/ town/city life
 - Diggers/construction site
 - Farm yard – buildings, animals and fences

- Fabric off-cuts or old scarves.
- Dinosaurs.
- Balls of wool and off-cuts of ribbon or cord.
- Small-scale toys that are a bit 'fiddly' e.g. My Little Pony, Sylvanian Families etc.
- Complete Jigsaw puzzles with 12 - 60 pieces.
- Buttons, beads, marbles, small glass beads and similar.
- Old jewellery (bangles, strings of beads etc), hats (old wedding hats?) and handbags.
- Spoons of any type.
- Bob the Builder, Fireman Sam, Paw Patrol vehicles, buildings and figures.

- Construction – we have the following sets which we would love to supplement with extra pieces:
 - Magformers (magnetic shapes)
 - Marble Run
 - Gears! Gears! Gears!
 - Construction Straws

If you can help us with any of these items please contact the Reception Team via the morning message book or email verlanderl@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk