



5 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Nursery Weekly Information – w/b 5.3.18

We are concluding our 'To infinity and Beyond' theme of learning with a visit from the Astrodome on Wednesday. The children will have the opportunity to explore space in the comfort of our school hall!



This week we will be focussing on the nursery rhyme 'Miss Polly had a Dolly'. We will be looking after each other in our Stamford Green Doctors surgery

This week:

- We will be turning our home corners into doctors and hospitals for our role play.
- We will be using our bikes as ambulances outside.
- We will be singing Miss Polly had a dolly and joining in with the actions to help us in our role play.
- We will continuing with our Forest school sessions (weather dependent).
- We will be looking at skeletons in x-rays and making our own out of sticks and cotton buds.

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 and m		

### Forest School

Forest school was postponed last week due to the freezing temperatures. We went on a winter walk instead. We will decide on the day if Forest School sessions are to go ahead this week.

### Winter clothing

The weather is expected to stay cold this week so please continue to provide your child with suitable warm clothing.

### Parents' Evening

Please remember to book an appointment with either Mrs Hughes or Mrs Frost for Parents' Evening. There will be an opportunity for parents to look at the children's Discovery Folders on both evenings. Don't forget to write a **positive comment** on the sticker on the front page of their Discovery Folder –

quite a few children had blank stickers last time! We endeavor to keep to time during the evening and we may ask to make a further appointment if discussion overruns the ten minute slot.

Thank you,

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



### **Messages from the Office**

Could any parents/carers who have not paid the £3.40 contribution for the Astrodome visit on Wednesday 7 March, but wish their child to take part in this event, please make their payment via Tucasi by the end of the day on Tuesday 6 March. Unfortunately if we have not received payment by this time your child will not be able to visit the mobile planetarium.

### **Parents' Evening reminder**

Please can we remind parents not to bring their children to school on Parents' Evening. With nearly 600 pupils in the school we do not have the space to accommodate children who are waiting whilst their parents meet their teacher. We have received feedback from parents that the hall was too busy last time, as children were sitting on the blue chairs, that were meant for adults so people couldn't get into the hall. In addition to this, we have had issues with unsupervised children in classrooms and corridors so would appreciate your co-operation with not bringing your children to school on Parents' Evening. We would encourage parents to help each other out with reciprocal arrangements for child care.

### **Jury Service**

Mrs Druce has been called for Jury Service so will not be in school for two weeks, from next Monday. Miss Swann and Mrs Dray will be ensuring it is learning as usual and hoping it doesn't snow!

### **STEM Week**

This week is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week at school. If you would like to take part at home, you could try out the experiment below. Mr Loughlin would love to see how your experiments go - if you are on Twitter, please send a tweet to @StamfordGreen, including a photo if you can. Children in Years 2 - 6 may use this experiment as their homework task to be handed in on 13.3.18. Your child(ren) should still write an entry in their homework book, making it clear they completed the STEM homework task.

You will need:

About two teaspoons of baker's yeast  
One half-litre clear plastic bottle  
Two teaspoons of sugar  
Some warm water  
One balloon

What you do:

1. Pour some warm water into the bottle – about 2 cm deep.
2. Add the yeast and give it a little swirl to help the yeast dissolve.
3. Add the sugar and give it another swirl.
4. Place the opening of the balloon over the top of the bottle.
5. Put the bottle–balloon contraption in a warm place for about half an hour – by a radiator would be good.
6. Watch what happens. What do you observe? Why do you think it is happening?

You could try:

See what happens if you change one or more of the variables. For example: use more yeast, use honey instead of sugar, leave the bottle in a cool place or use cold water instead of warm.

### **STEM Week – Newspapers!**

All the children this week, will be taking part in an activity involving newspapers. Please could you send your child in with a newspaper and give it your child's class teacher by Thursday. Thank you for your help.

### **Childcare vouchers close to new entrants soon**

The government has announced that the childcare voucher scheme will close to new entrants on 5 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 on 5 April 2018, providing they've received a voucher in the last rolling 12-month period. For example, 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.

### **Coming up soon:**

<b>March</b>		
w/b Monday 5.3.18	-	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
Monday 5.3.18	9.00am – 10.00am	PTA Class Reps coffee morning with Mrs Druce
Tuesday 6.6.18	All morning	YR Zoolab Visit
Wednesday 7.3.18	All day	Astrodome visit at school for Y5 and YN
Thursday 8.3.18	9.30am – 10.20am	School Open morning for prospective Parents/Carers
Thursday 8.3.18	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 9.3.18	9.00am – 9.30am	2B's Class Assembly – Entry via the office
Monday 12.3.18	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 15.3.18	All morning	Y6 Visiting the Junior Citizen Event
Thursday 15.3.18	All morning	Y3 Visit to Sikh Gurdwara Temple
Friday 16.3.18	9.00am – 9.30am	2T's Class Assembly – Entry via the office