



4 December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 4.12.17

Upcoming Dates

- Reception's First Christmas Carols
 - **RV Tuesday 12.12.17**
 - **RL Wednesday 13.12.17**
 - **RW Friday 15.12.17**
- **15.12.17** Christmas Jumper Day (whole school)
- **18.12.17** Christmas Party

Have you Remembered?

- All children should now have in school a Christmas jumper or a jumper in a Christmassy colour (red, green, white, sparkly) ready for our Christmas performances.

Show and Tell on Thursday: No Show and Tell this week

A big thank you to all our helpers for our visit to Christ Church last week. The children were excellent ambassadors for Stamford Green; being very sensible, showing respect and remembering their beautiful manners all morning. Well done to the children – we are very proud of you!

It was lovely to see so many people at the Christmas Market on Sunday. If you were unable to come, and missed the chance to buy your child's handmade Christmas tea light holders, you can send the money (£1.50 for one or £3 for the pair) in a named envelope and your child will bring them home in their book bag.

We are hard at work with our rehearsals for 'Receptions First Christmas Carols'; putting the final touches to our performances ready to show our families and the school next week. Each child should have a Christmassy jumper at school now – if you are yet to send it, please could we have it as soon as possible. Friday 15.12.17 is the whole school 'Christmas Jumper Day' as well as RW's performance day. Children in RW will be able to put their Christmas jumper on as soon as they get to school that day, as they will not be sent home before the performance. RV and RL will take their jumpers home after their performances earlier in the week.

Phonics continues in spite of our busy week, but only two new sounds will be introduced - 'x' and 'z'. In maths we continue with our daily 'Maths Meetings' where we think about number; pattern; reasoning; and comparing groups and amounts. We will also continue to discuss the properties of different 3d shapes as we introduce our shape of the week – a cylinder. In addition to this we will continue to think about Christmas and will learn about the story of Jesus' birth.

On Monday 18 December we have a Christmas Party afternoon. In order that we can have a little festive feast we kindly ask that each person brings a little something to contribute towards a party 'tea'. Later this week your child will have a sticker in their Learning Journal requesting a specific item to be brought in on the day (so that we get a range of foods and don't end up with 30 lots of sausage rolls!). You don't need to cater for the whole class – we ask that you bring in approximately enough of the item for 6 people. Don't forget that we are a nut-free school.

As the past week has brought a number of cases of tummy bugs in our year group, please can we remind you that your child should be kept out of school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of vomiting and diarrhoea in order to prevent the further spread of infection.

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!.

Have a lovely week – ours is promising to be very Christmassy!

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Messages from the Office

Message from Mrs Druce

Last Thursday, Mrs Williams, Mrs Vidal and myself were promoting the parking letter I sent last Tuesday by walking around Christ Church Mount in the morning. Thank you to the many parents that have voiced support. We will continue to promote safe parking when we can but using the school's resources like this is unsustainable, as we need to be with the children. Therefore, thank you for your co-operation in parking considerably and safely in surrounding roads.

Lunchtime appointments

If your child will be absent from school at lunchtime due to an appointment and they have a school dinner please can you advise the Office either on the morning of the appointment or before so that we can let the kitchen know. This applies even if your child has a universal free school meal.

Sickness

Unfortunately it is the time of year when sickness bugs are prevalent. Please can we remind parents and carers that children must be kept at home for a minimum of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Eg. A child that was last sick on Sunday evening, should not come in until Wednesday morning.

Late collection at the end of day

Occasionally circumstances beyond parents' and carers' control result in children being picked up late from school. In order to ensure the safety of our pupils, we are changing the arrangements for children who are picked up late. Any children who are not collected on time from the gate will wait in Mrs Druce, Miss Swann and Mrs Dray's office to be collected. Parents /

carers will need to come to the school office to collect their children. This will allow us to ensure that all children are collected safely and to keep the office waiting area clear for visitors at this busy time in the school day. Any children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to Sunset and a charge for an ad-hoc session will be made. As a reminder, Reception finish school at 3.00pm, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3.05pm and Years 3 to 6 at 3.15pm. Thank you for your help in ensuring that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day.

Christmas Lunch

Information regarding the Christmas lunch on Thursday 14 December has been sent home today. This is a wonderful occasion when the children and teachers sit down for Christmas lunch together. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch and they don't normally have a school dinner on Thursdays, please ensure you complete the necessary form and payment, if required, by **Friday at noon**.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas card postbox is back! If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends, please encourage them to post the cards in the red pillar box in the Office area. These are then distributed to the children daily by our lovely Year 6 children. To aid this, can you please make sure the recipient's name and class is marked clearly on the envelope. Please note, there is a separate box for posting a letter to Father Christmas which is in the Office next to Ms Saunt.

West Gate Message

Please could you ensure your child does not turn on the lights of other children's scooter and bikes when passing by the bike rack. Many thanks.

Coming up soon:

December		
Tuesday 5.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	Y2 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the hall
Thursday 7.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	1R and 1W Nativity for Parents/Carers in the hall
Friday 8.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	1A and 1F Nativity for Parents/Carers in the hall
w/b Monday 11.12.17	-	No internal clubs this week and for the rest of the term
Tuesday 12.12.17	-	Y2 - Y6 Homework due in but none sent home this week
Tuesday 12.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	RV's First Christmas Carols for Parents/Carers in the hall
Wednesday 13.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	RL's First Christmas Carols for Parents/Carers in the hall
Thursday 14.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for Parents/Carers in the hall Children taking part will be those attending nursery Wed pm to Fri pm
Thursday 14.12.17	9.45am – 11.00am	SGSC Generations Coffee Morning for retired residents and our children's grandparents
Thursday 14.12.17	Lunchtime	YR – Y6 Christmas lunch for children at school – More details to follow
Thursday 14.12.17	Afternoon	YN Christmas Parties for children only Children taking part will be those attending nursery Wed pm to Fri pm
Friday 15.12.17	9.00am – 9.30am	RW's First Christmas Carols for Parents/Carers in the hall
Friday 15.12.17	2.00pm	Mince Pie thank you for Parents/Carers that have helped the school this term
Friday 15.12.17	-	Save the Children charity event – Wear a Christmas Jumper and muffin day- £1 donation