



30 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Reception Weekly Information – w/b 30.10.23

Parent/Carer Teacher consultations for those who have booked are this Wednesday 1 November 3.30-6.30pm. Please remember no children, including siblings, should come to school for this event.

Please ensure that you remove earrings on the morning of PE day as your child will not be allowed to participate if wearing them and we are not able to do this for them.

If possible, please name your child's fruit so that it can easily be recognised at snack time.

We hope you had a fun and relaxing half term break. We are all looking forward to the second half of term, which promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities for the children in Reception.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations at school this week or next. This is a chance to have a conversation with your child's teacher about how they have settled into Reception, the progress they have made so far and how you can support them with their learning and development. The children's books and folders will be available in the classrooms for you to look at before or after your appointment in the Studio, which is just down the corridor from the Reception classrooms.

As mentioned in the [letter](#), no children, including siblings, will be allowed to come into school for Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations. We do not have capacity to care for children during the adults only appointments – many parents help each other out with reciprocal arrangements for child care. In addition, if your child attends Sunset please note that the dismissal arrangements remain the same as normal.



In the coming weeks and months, we will be learning about some of the different things that people celebrate. As part of this we would love to hear about your family's special faith and cultural celebrations. If you celebrate Diwali and would be able to come and talk to the children about what makes Diwali special, or if you have some photos or items that you could share for us to look at please email your child's teacher using the parents' [email](#).

Looking to the future, we would also love to hear about the other festivals that our families celebrate throughout the year – if you could talk to us about Eid, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Lunar New Year, Easter, Orthodox Christmas or any other religious or cultural celebration that is important to you and your family please email to tell us about it so that we can make a plan for you to visit around that time.

If you have a child who is of pre-school age, you might be interested to know that the next Come and Play session will be happening on Thursday 9 November 9.00am – 10.30am. This is a free play session which is open to pre-school aged children of all ages with their parents/carers. It is a

community event, so feel free to bring along friends with preschool children who aren't part of the direct school community. We'd love to see them. Entry and exit is through the South Gate on Christ Church Mount only.

### Learning Question of the week: Why do people celebrate Bonfire night?

In anticipation of our annual PTA Fireworks event this Friday and Bonfire night, we are taking a short break from our exploration of Fantasy Lands this week to think about Fireworks. We will be talking about what fireworks are, describing them and representing them in different ways. We will think about why we might see fireworks at this time of the year and how to stay safe near fireworks. We will also create some art to incorporate Halloween as we know lots of our children will be celebrating this event.

#### Phonics

The children are working hard in their Read Write Inc sessions. You can find out about the correct way to say the letter sounds here: <https://tinyurl.com/mryy3z5d>



Fred the frog can only speak in sounds – he can't say the whole word. Speaking like Fred helps children to understand that words are made up of sounds.

We have been practising 'Fred Talk' – you and your child can have a go at this Fred Game at home:

<https://tinyurl.com/2k785rpt>

The sounds we are learning this week are v, y, w, z  
The sounds we have learnt so far are: u, b, f, e, m, a, s, d, t, l, n, p, g, o, c, k, i, h, r, j Please practice reading and writing these on your whiteboards at home.



#### Concept Word

This week's concept word is: Dark



Help your child at home: let children try on sunglasses indoors with the lights off so that it is dark.

#### Reading

Thank you for supporting your child by reading stories to them every day. This is helping your child to develop their love of books and setting them up for a lifetime of reading.

Can your child spot any of the letters we have learnt so far, in their books at home?

For more things to think about when reading with your child watch this short video:

<https://tinyurl.com/exdaynsx>

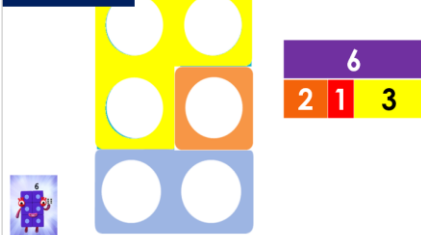
#### Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on the number **6**. As well as thinking about how to write the digit and how to count to 6 or count six objects, we will think carefully about where and how we might see 6 and what parts it is made of (i.e. six 'ones'; a four and a two etc). Can you find the number 6 when you are out shopping, or whilst looking in your kitchen cupboard? What does it look like? Perhaps you can see two threes or a five and a one?

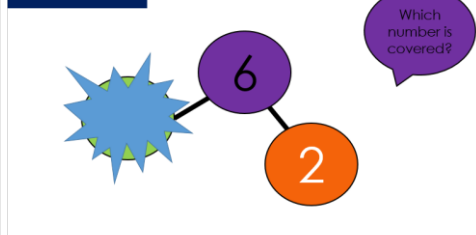
##### Represent it:



##### Parts and Wholes



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## Show and Tell – beginning next week

Show and Tell will begin to happen on **Thursdays** starting with the theme of family. Next week, Thursday 9 November the **Squares** group from each class will have their turn. Show and tell is an opportunity for each child to share something special with their class practicing their speaking skills. The rest of the class practise their listening skills and have the chance to ask questions too.

Theme: Family

Your child might want to share a picture or drawing of their family to talk about. Photos can be emailed to [parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk) and should be labelled with your child's name and class in the in the subject bar. Please could we ask that children don't bring in anything precious/irreplaceable. The other groups will have their turns to show and tell as the term goes on – so only the named group should bring their show and tell next week.

We hope you have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Howe



## For your calendar:

**I've always wondered...Coffee morning**  
**Y3 – 2.11.23**  
**Y2 – 10.11.23**  
**at 8.00am**

Come along and ask anything you have wondered about (school related). Miss Swann and Mrs Dray will take school age children out to play whilst the coffee morning is happening.

Please fill in the Google Form [here](#) if you would like to attend.

**Wednesday 1.11.23**  
**7.30pm – 8.30pm**

Virtual Workshop for Parents/Carers from the Breck Foundation re online safety.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82304998935?pwd=WvonUyV0LwEsRtUvFavJU77em3llhE.1>

Meeting ID: 823 0499 8935  
Passcode: 842023

## Coming up soon:

October		
Monday 30.10.23	8.35am	School opens for YN – Y6
Tuesday 31.10.23	9.00am – 10.00am	Coffee morning for families whose children have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)
November		
Wednesday 1.11.23	8.40am – 9.40am	Nursery Family Breakfast – see Weekly <a href="#">Info</a>
Wednesday 1.11.23	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations (PCTC) at school
Wednesday 1.11.23	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Virtual workshop for Parents/Carers from the Breck Foundation re online safety
Thursday 2.11.23	8.00am – 8.35am	I've always wondered....Coffee morning for Y3 Parents/Carers – Book <a href="#">here</a>
Thursday 2.11.23	All day	Y2 Visit to the park and Batul Futuh Mosque

Friday 3.11.23	8.40am – 9.40am	Nursery Family Breakfast – see Weekly <a href="#">Info</a>
Friday 3.11.23	Gates open at 5.00pm Display starts at 6.30pm	PTA Fireworks evening
Monday 6.11.23	Morning	1B to visit Epsom Library
Tuesday 7.11.23	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations (PCTC) at school
Wednesday 8.11.23	Morning	1S to visit Epsom Library
Wednesday 8.11.23	All day	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
Wednesday 8.11.23	9.15am – 10.15am	Prospective families Open Morning – School and Nursery - please book via our website.
Thursday 9.11.23	9.00am – 10.30am	Come and Play – Community toddler group. Entry via South Gate only.
Friday 10.11.23	Morning	1H to visit Epsom Library
Friday 10.11.23	8.00am – 8.35am	I've always wondered....Coffee morning for Y2 Parents/Carers – Book <a href="#">here</a>

## Reminders for you:

### **PCTCs Wednesday 1.11.23 and Tuesday 7.11.23**

Bookings for PCTCs will close at 9.00am on Tuesday morning.

Please can we kindly remind you that if you are attending a PCTC at school, children cannot accompany you to the meeting or be brought into school.

### **PTA Fireworks Event Friday 3.11.23**

Please remember to book your tickets via PTA Events and sign up to a volunteer slot.

Pre-bought BBQ tokens for fireworks will be in Book Bags from Thursday 2 November.

### **PTA Fireworks Event Friday 3.11.23**

At the end of the fireworks, please could any kind soul meet Mrs Druce by the BBQ for a quick, less than 5 minute job.

Many hands make light work with the clear up. Thank you so much in advance.

### **Blue Peter Book Badge**

If your child has completed the Blue Peter Book Badge application form but you've not managed to post it yet, please bring it to school by Thursday and we will send them off for you.

### **Parking**

Please could we kindly remind you that when dropping off and picking up your child, you park considerately. We have had a number of residents complain about parents/carers blocking driveways, parking on verges and parking on double yellow lines, making it dangerous. We are happy to keep your children safe at school, if you need to park further away and then walk.