



4 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – w/b 4.12.23

Thursday 7 December is Christmas Jumper Mufti Day for the whole school.

Please return your child's named Christmas jumper to school on Friday 8 December or Monday in preparation for our festive performances next week.  
(Details in last week's YR Weekly Information)

Show and tell  
on  
Thursday

on the theme of  
**Family**

Group: **Pentagons**

(details below)

YR Christmas party in school is this Friday 9 December (No change of clothes required)  
Don't forget to bring in your party contribution.

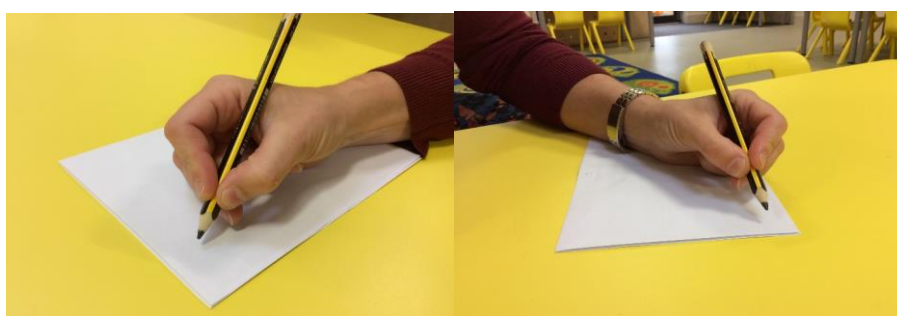
(Look out for a sticker in your child's Learning Journal on last week's page, with a suggested contribution)

It was lovely to see so many of the YR families enjoying the festivities at the PTA Christmas Fair on Sunday. A huge thank you for buying your child's Christmas decoration. They worked really hard on these! If you would still like to purchase your child's craft, they are welcome to bring in £2 donation and they will bring it home in their bag.

On Friday 8 December we will be enjoying our class Christmas parties! We'll play party games and share in a little party tea during the afternoon at school. There is a sticker in your child's Learning Journal to ask for them to bring a small amount of food to share (to ensure that we don't end up with everyone bringing the same!) Each child will be asked to bring six of the same items, e.g. six individual packets of crisps, six cakes. You won't need to supply enough for the whole class. When buying please keep in mind that we are a nut-free school.

A thoughtful parent/carer has let us know that their Reception child has had headlice and has been treated. Please check your child's hair in case they need to be treated too. Please remember that all hair longer than shoulder length should be fully tied back at school, this not only helps children to concentrate without their hair getting in the way of their activities, but also limits the spread of lice when children are in close contact with each other.

When writing this week, we continue to focus on using the correct tripod pencil grip (your children know nip, flip and grip very well now!)



Below are some example words for independent writing if you are looking for appropriate suggestions that use the phonic sounds that they know.

kick	sock	hat	mat	tap	tick	tock
map	miss	bob	tom	pat	sun	mud
mop	box	in	cat	cot	cup	mug
kiss	pick	lock	bug	big	bat	lick
jog	jig	jet	gas	dig	got	pot
top	dog	cod	kid	sunset	rocket	rip
dad	mum	hop	leg	fin	bed	hop

### Learning Question of the week: How do YOU celebrate at Christmas?

This week the children will be writing in their Christmas cards. We will be focusing on forming the letters correctly as well as using our sounds to write words. We will be working on being kind to each other and making sure that the words we say are respectful and don't hurt other people's feelings. We will also be celebrating at our class parties on Friday.

#### Phonics

If you notice that your child is not yet recognising the single letter sounds, please take the time to help them at home. We are working with them at school, but from experience we know that children who spend a few minutes practising at home each day feel much more confident with reading. It is wonderful to see that most children know the single letter sounds now.

#### Reading

Playing a game of 'I Spy' is a great way to practise orally blending whilst having fun! 'I spy with my little eye, a.... m-a-t.'

#### Concept Word

This week's concept word is: **Thin**



**Help your child at home:** in the park or garden, find thin sticks.

#### Maths

In maths we will focus on all the numbers from 1 – 10 and practise recognising these in context as well as having our daily maths meetings where we think about numbers, reasoning, patterns and comparing amounts.

We have been looking at different shapes each week, including 2D (flat) shapes and 3D (fat) shapes. Can your child spot any shapes in your home? Perhaps you could go on a shape hunt together?

#### Show and Tell

This week (Thursday 7 December) the Pentagons group from each class will have their turn at Show and Tell and the theme is family. Show and tell is an opportunity for each child to share something special with their class practising their speaking skills. The rest of the class practise their listening skills and have the chance to ask questions too. Your child might want to share a picture or drawing of their family to talk about. These 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. The other groups will have their turns to show and tell as the term goes on.

We hope you have a lovely week,  
Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs McCarthy



## For your calendar:

### Wednesday 6.12.23 – Tuesday 12.12.23

Children's Christmas cards to each other can be posted in the Christmas post box.



### Friday 15.12.23

School closes early for the Christmas holiday.

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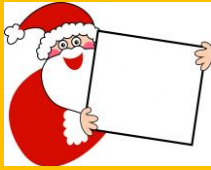
## Coming up soon:

December		
w/b 4.12.23	-	Last week for Internal clubs
Monday 4.12.23	9.00am – 10.30am	Come and Play – Community toddler group. Entry via South Gate only.
Tuesday 5.12.23	9.00am – 9.45am	Y1 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Wednesday 6.12.23 – Tuesday 12.12.23	-	Children's Christmas cards to each other can be posted in the Christmas post box
Wednesday 6.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for families in the Hall Children taking part will be those attending Nursery that morning
Thursday 7.12.23	-	Save the Children charity event – Wear a Christmas jumper and muffin day - £1 donation
Thursday 7.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for families in the Hall Children taking part will be those attending Nursery that day
Thursday 7.12.23	2.15pm	Y4 Carols by Candlelight for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Friday 8.12.23	9.00am – 9.45am	Y2 Christmas Show for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Friday 8.12.23	Afternoon	YR to Y6 Class Christmas parties for children only
Monday 11.12.23	9.00am – 9.45am	Y3 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Tuesday 12.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	RB's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall
Wednesday 13.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	RM's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall
Wednesday 13.12.23	1.45pm	Y5 and Y6 Carol Service at Christ Church – Doors open for families at 1.40pm
Thursday 14.12.23	All day	Y1 Bright lights, big cities day
Thursday 14.12.23	9.00am – 9.30am	RP's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall

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## Reminders for you:

### Letters to Father Christmas



The last day for posting letters to Father Christmas is Tuesday 5.12.23.

### Save the Children charity event Thursday 7.12.23

Wear a Christmas jumper and muffin day.



£1 donation on the Gate.

### Friday 8.12.23

YR to Y6 Class Christmas parties for children only.



Please check the sticker in Learning Journals for more information on what to bring in.

### Christmas Performances in School (Y1 – Y4)

There will only be two seats per child, due to limited space in the hall. If you are bringing a younger child with you, they will need to sit on your lap. Please be aware that if you are attending a performance, you will not be able to leave during the show.

### Community News- Cake Sale

Our fantastic Year 6 Community Prefects will be running a cake sale for the Save the Children charity on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December so come enjoy some yummy baked goods and help a good cause at the same time!

Cash donations only so please bring change. We hope to see you there. For more information about Save The Children or to make a donation please go to <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

No matter how big or small the donation, all is appreciated.

### Nursery Applications

The Nursery Application Form for September 2024 is now available on the school website under Nursery [Admissions](#). Please note the deadline of Monday 15 January 2024.