



27 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 27.11.23

I've always wondered...
coffee morning for YR
Parents/Carers

Thursday 30.11.23
8.00am – 8.35am

Come along if you have any
questions/queries!

Childcare is provided for
school age children.

Show and tell
on
Thursday

on the theme of
Family

Group: **Rectangles**

(details below)

Our Festive Performances

Tuesday 12.12.23
RB's First Christmas Songs

Wednesday 13.12.23
RM's First Christmas Songs

Thursday 14.12.23
RP's First Christmas Songs

All 9.00am – 9.30am

What a wonderful visit we had to Christ Church last week. The children represented Stamford Green so well – they were polite and respectful and listened very carefully to learn about the church and some of the things that Christians believe. It was a long walk there and back, and everyone was very resilient and behaved in a sensible way which meant we all stayed safe. Well done Reception! A big thank you to all of the parents/carers who helped, we couldn't have done it without you.

Reading Packs

Thank you for continuing to support your child at home with their reading. Please record any reading you do together including books you share with them at bedtime. Your child's pack should be kept together in their book bag so that we can change their books. Friday is usually book changing day in Reception, so look out for new reading materials each week. If they have books missing on the changeover day you will receive a yellow slip detailing the missing contents and we may not be able to give your child their new reading materials until they have returned the previous set so that we can keep track of our reading resources.

We are certain you have probably heard your child singing Christmas songs in preparation for our end of term performances of 'Reception's First Christmas Songs' which will take place during the last week of term. Tickets are not limited for this show. You can invite other wider family members if they would like to come along – unlike lots of other school performances, where places are usually restricted.

For the show we will ask children to wear a festive top instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. This could be a traditional 'Christmas Jumper' or it might be a jumper or top in a Christmassy colour – red, green, white or sparkly! Please could we ask you to kindly send them into school (with their name clearly labelled) on Friday 8 or Monday 12 December at the very latest. We aren't asking for them any sooner than that because, as you will have seen in Dates for Diaries, next Thursday, 7 December, is Christmas jumper day for the whole school.

A plea

If your child has borrowed our school clothing, such as underwear and socks, please return them to Reception as soon as possible – our supply is running very low. On that note, if you have any spare boys' underwear or socks aged 4-5, we would be very grateful for donations. Thank you.

A quick reminder that bottles for school should be plastic and have a sports cap – as per the school uniform and equipment list. If your child's bottle allows water to flow freely from it when it is lying on its side, or if the lid must be completely removed in order to drink from it, it isn't suitable for school. Father Christmas sometimes kindly leaves lovely new school water bottles in children's stockings, so if you see him in the run up to Christmas, perhaps you could pass on the message to him too?

<p>Good for school</p>	
<p>Keep for home</p>	

Learning Question of the week:

Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

We are feeling jolly in Reception now that Christmas is fast approaching. This week the children will learn about the Christmas story and will enjoy lots of festive activities! We will be practicing singing our Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas singing performances.

Phonics

Well done to all of the children for their amazing phonics work in their new Read Write Inc groups. We can see improvements all the time!

Don't forget to keep practising recognising all the single letter sounds and playing some 'Fred Games'

Fred says:

<https://tinyurl.com/2cke8pzc>

<https://tinyurl.com/2u6nhaf9>

Reading

Thank you for using your child's phonics pack at home to help them with their reading. We can see from what you have written in the Learning Journals and what the children have told us that you have been very busy! It is lovely to see how excited the children are to share their learning with you at home. These few minutes of practice each day are vital to their progress in reading – it's super to see the children growing in confidence as a result.

Concept Word

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



Help your child at home: look around the house for as many smooth things as you can find.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on the number **10**. We will continue to develop our understanding of parts and wholes (Which numbers go together to make up ten?). Can you find number 10 anywhere? Can you represent the number 10? Perhaps you know a song which uses the numbers to 10? Can you find 10 objects in 10 seconds?

Look at it:

10

Ten is a 2-digit number. You need a one and a zero to write it.

How many digits does it have?

Part-Part-Whole:

Which number is covered?

Part-Part-Whole:

What is the whole?

What are the parts?

Show and Tell

This week (Thursday 30 November) the Rectangles 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 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:

**I've always wondered...Coffee morning
YR – 30.11.23
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 29.11.23

PTA Mufti Day
Please book a bottle in a bag for the Christmas Fair tombola.

Bottles can contain anything from champagne to shampoo!

Coming up soon:

November		
Monday 27.11.23	All day	6DA Visit Tate Britain and Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 29.11.23	-	PTA Mufti Day (Please bring in a bottle in a bag for the Christmas Fair tombola)
Thursday 30.11.23	8.00am – 8.35am	I've always wondered....Coffee morning for YR Parents/Carers – Book here
Thursday 30.11.23	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Y5 Star Gazing Night
December		
Friday 1.12.23 – Tuesday 5.12.23	-	Letters can be posted to Father Christmas in classes.

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

Reminders for you:

Letters to Father Christmas



Letters can be posted to Father Christmas from Friday 1.12.23 to 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.

Legal Names

Going forward, all printed materials in school including book labels, will have your child's legal name on them.

TA Update

Sadly, Mrs Jennings will be leaving the school on 6 December. We wish her well in her new role. A warm welcome to Mr Osborne who has joined the school as a TA, working across all year groups.