



11 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 11.12.23

Reception's First Christmas Songs

RB - Tuesday
RM - Wednesday
RP - Thursday

All 9.00am - 9.30am

Show and Tell
on
Thursday

on the theme of
Family

Group: **Circles**
(details below)

School finishes early this Friday for the Christmas holidays. We'll be at the East Gate at 12.40pm and the West Gate at 12.45pm.

We would like to say a very big well done to every child in Reception. Can you believe their first day at Stamford Green was over three months ago? They have all worked exceptionally hard and have settled very well into school life. We are very proud of all their efforts this term and it has been a pleasure to see the progress they have already made in so many areas.

PE changes

Please note that the new PE days for Reception are as follows. Make sure that your child's earrings are removed before school:

RP - Wednesday and Friday
RM - Wednesday
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This week we are very excited to share Reception's First Christmas Songs with you! Thank you for sending in your child's Christmas jumper in preparation for this. We need all of them in school for our show so please send one in if you haven't already. Remember, it doesn't have to be a traditional Christmas jumper – it might be a top in a festive colour like red, green or sparkly. The children will have their Christmas jumpers returned home after their performances.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the day of your child's performance. They are really excited to sing to you! At the end of the show we will arrange the children into a group so that you can take a photograph of them together.

Please help your child by talking to them about the performance and how you will come to watch but then you will be leaving so that they can return to class. Understandably some children may become upset when you leave, so if they are prepared for this it will be easier for them.


And the Grinch,
with his grinch-feet
ice-cold in the snow,
Stood puzzling and puzzling;
"How could it be so?"
"It came without ribbons!
It came without tags!"
"It came without packages,
boxes or bags!"
And he puzzled three hours,
till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought
of something he hadn't before!
"Maybe Christmas, he thought,
doesn't come from a store."
"Maybe Christmas . . . perhaps
. . . means a little bit more!"

Over the Christmas break you may decide to clear out some of your child's old toys if they are lucky enough to have some new ones. In Reception we are looking for donations of small world people and buildings/settings (e.g. garage, castle, ship, etc). We are also on the lookout for some construction toys for inside. If you have something that you think we may be able to put to good use please email Mrs Ball via parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

Please continue to support your child with their reading during the holidays by sharing lots of stories at bedtime and continuing to learn the letter sounds from their packs. It is really important that every child is confident with all of the letter sounds so that they are able to move forward with their reading in the spring term. It doesn't need to feel like a chore and there are lots of fun games you can play to keep it interesting. Little and often is the best way for the children to learn.

After Christmas we will be taking a short break from Forest School. We will be keeping wellies in school as these are used in our outdoor learning areas.

Finally, we would like to wish all the Reception children and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year. We hope that you will have a relaxing and fun holiday. We look forward to seeing all the children well rested and full of their usual enthusiasm for learning in January.

Phonics	Reading
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.'</p>
<p>Concept Word</p>	
<p>This week's concept word is:</p>  <p>enough: talk about having enough money to buy an item or enough food for dinner</p>	
<p>Maths</p>	
<p>In maths we will be thinking about statistics and how information can be represented in different ways using graphs, charts and other methods. We'll be taking part in some class surveys to gather information!</p> <p>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?</p>	
<p>Show and Tell</p>	
<p>This week (Thursday 14 December) the Circles 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 practicing 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.</p>	

We hope you have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs McCarthy



For your calendar:

**Save the Children charity event
Monday 11.12.23 and Tuesday 12.12.23**

Cake Sale after school



All donations appreciated.

Tuesday 2 January 2024

YN to Y6 – Nursery and school opens for the spring term at 8.35am.

Dates for Diaries for the spring term will be emailed tomorrow.

Coming up soon:

December																
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														
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Reminders for you:

Christmas Trees

If you would like a 8/9ft Christmas Tree, we have two to give away. They will be ready for collection on Friday at 1.45pm. Please email parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

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.

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