



Stamford Green

Primary School and Nursery



15 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery Weekly Information – w/b 15.1.24

Cold weather

Please ensure all gloves, scarves and hats are clearly named. When children go outside during exploration time it helps the children (and adults helping) to find their belongings quickly.

Nursery Class Open Time

It was lovely to have so many parents/carers in at Open Time. The children loved sharing their learning with you in the Discovery Folders. Thank you for all the positive comments on the stickers.

SEND PCTCs

Invites have been sent out for the SEND PCTCs, please keep an eye out for them!

This only applies to parents/carers who have a child with a Special Educational Need and/or Disability (SEND).

This week we are:

- Doing lots of drawing, writing and painting to develop strong hands.
- Taking out the parachute and playing a variety of games with it, encouraging us to develop our big movements.
- Writing part or all of our name.
- Singing five little speckled frogs.
- Thinking about which animals we would find on a farm.
- Singing Old MacDonald and working out which animals shouldn't be on the farm.

Our skill of the week

This week we are going to focus on which hand we are using to hold our pencil or paintbrush. Children normally develop a dominant hand at some point before the age of 6. Please don't panic if your child swaps hands, this is perfectly normal. In nursery, we encourage children to use both hands to see which feels better. We are giving the children lots of opportunities to practise.

Reading focus

During our 1:1 reading sessions with the children we are encouraging them to respond in different ways both to the words and pictures. At home, you could encourage your child to find their favourite page and chat with them about what is going on in the pictures.

Forest School

This term we are continuing to take children to explore at Forest School wearing their wellies and coats. After half term, the children will need waterproofs. We will provide more information before half term.


Concept Words

Concepts are words that shape how we think about the world. For instance, concepts such as 'early', 'night' or 'after' help us talk about time. Concepts are hard to learn but they are fundamental to learning, so they are worth spending time on.

We will be regularly learning new concepts through lots of fun activities – with one focus word each week. The more your child hears the new words in different situations, the better their understanding of the concept will be. You can help your child to learn the concept of the week by carrying out the suggested activity in the concept word box below in the weekly overview of learning (These will always be quick and easy to do – sometimes even on the way home!)

Information sheet for families

Helping your child to understand concepts



Stick to the exact word. If you are asked to do an activity about 'tall', stick to 'tall', don't talk about 'tallest' or 'taller'.

Do not use the opposite word. This can be very confusing for children. If 'tall' is the word being taught, say 'not tall' rather than 'short'.

Use comments rather than questions.

Concepts are words that help shape how we think about the world, eg 'new', 'straight', 'later', 'behind', 'hard.' They are important!

Try to do the activity once or twice in the week it has been suggested.

Do the activity in your home language.

This week's concept words:

2 year olds

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

Help your child at home:

Look out for big things on the way home.

3 and 4 year olds

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

Help your child at home:

Have jumping competitions. Who can do a very long jump?

Mrs Frost and Mrs Hughes
Nursery Class Teachers



Friday 19.1.24

PTA Crazy Hair Day
Anything goes!



Suggested £1.00 cash donation.
The PTA will be collecting the money at the East and West Gate on Friday morning.
Please wear school uniform as usual.

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale Tuesday 30.1.24



8.30am – East Gate
3.05pm – West Gate

Every item is £1.00

Both cash and card payments welcome.

Coming up soon:

| January | | |
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| w/b Monday 15.1.24 | - | Internal clubs start |
| Wednesday 17.1.24 | 8.45am – 9.30am | 4MG's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall |
| Wednesday 17.1.24 | 12.00pm – 11.30pm | Y5 Young Voices visit to O2 Arena |
| Thursday 18.1.24 | 8.45am – 9.30am | 4V's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall |
| Friday 19.1.24 | All day | PTA's Crazy Hair Day |
| Friday 19.1.24 | 8.45am – 9.30am | 4C's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall |
| w/b Monday 22.1.24 | - | Golden Book Week |
| Wednesday 24.1.24 | 8.45am – 9.30am | 5T's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall |
| Thursday 25.1.24 | 8.45am – 9.30am | 5B's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall |
| Friday 26.1.24 | 8.45am – 9.30am | 5O's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall |

Reminders for you:

School Lunches

The deadline for ordering school lunches is 8.30am on the day of the lunch. Please ensure that you remember to order your child's lunch before the deadline even if they are entitled to free school meals. If your child is absent from school and you have already ordered a school lunch, please log in to Accent before 8.30am and cancel your child's meal for the day. If you do not cancel your child's meal your account will be charged.

Wednesday 31.1.24 8.55am – 9.55am

Coffee morning for families whose children have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).

A warm welcome is given by everyone to everyone so we look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday 1.5.24 9.00am – 11.00am

Lesley Lane from Epsom Homestart will provide a 2 hour workshop to give parents/carers top tips when supporting children with challenging behaviour.