



Stamford Green

Primary School and Nursery



22 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery Weekly Information – w/b 22.1.24

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 to find their belongings quickly.

Nursery Staff News

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Wilson will be covering Mrs Millitao's maternity leave in February in Cygnets room.

Mrs Clarke will be doing an extra day each Wednesday to support in Swans room.

SEND PCTCs

SEND PCTCs are taking place on Wednesday 24 January, if you have booked an appointment.

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

This week we are:

- Singing our new rhyme Miss Polly had a Dolly
- Exploring our new role play area 'Stamford Green Doctor's Surgery'
- Continuing to practise writing or recognising our name at our challenge table
- Counting our Five Little Speckled Frogs when acting our number rhyme
- Moulding and compressing play dough to strengthen our hands

Our skill of the week

This week we are continuing to focus on showing preference for a dominant hand. We will be encouraging children to develop hand strength and for them to think about which hand works best when drawing, pouring milk etc.

Reading focus

During our 1:1 reading sessions with the children we are answering simple questions about a story they have shared with an adult. At home you could encourage children to tell you...

What was your favourite page?

Why?

Can you find the on this page?

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.

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.

(Illustration of a smiling family: a woman, a young boy, and a man.)

This weeks 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



For your calendar:

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.

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 then.

Coming up soon:

January		
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
Tuesday 30.1.24	8.30am – East Gate 3.05pm – West Gate	PTA Second hand uniform sale
Wednesday 31.1.24	8.45am – 9.30am	3SV's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Wednesday 31.1.24	8.55am – 9.55am	Coffee morning for families whose children have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)
February		
Thursday 1.2.24	8.45am – 9.30am	3K's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Thursday 1.2.24	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Music Evening for participating children – more details to follow
Friday 2.2.24	8.45am – 9.30am	3J's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Friday 2.2.24	-	Y4 First Aid training with Mini First Aid
Friday 2.2.24	-	PTA Smarties fundraiser launches

Reminders for you:

School Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please make sure you have completed the Google Form on our website, rather than emailing or calling the school office.

Come and Play Toddler Session

Thursday 8.2.24
9.00am – 10.30am

Make new friends and have some fun at our free come and play sessions for pre-school children and their parents/carers. Everyone is welcome.

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.