



5 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – w/b 5.2.24

### PE reminder:

RM – Wednesday  
RB – Wednesday/ Friday  
RP – Thursday/ Friday

Please **remove earrings**  
before school.

**Show and Tell** is on **Thursday**  
and this week is **Turquoise**  
group's turn. See information  
below.

If you have any children's socks  
of any colour which you no  
longer need, donations will be  
gratefully received for activities  
at school.

Many thanks

As we approach the halfway point of Reception year, we're very proud of all the hard work that the children have shown, and their resilience in practising and developing new skills every day. Everyone deserves a break at half term, but finding time to share some stories, or do something new such as going on a walk to a new place, or cooking a new meal together will make opportunities to talk and develop language skills in a fun way.

If you have a child who is of pre-school age, you might be interested to know that the next Come and Play session will be happening on Thursday 8 February from 9.00am – 10.30am. This is a free play session which is open to pre-school aged children of all ages with their parents/carers. It is a community event, so feel free to bring along friends with pre-school children who aren't part of the direct school community. We'd love to see them. Entry and exit is through the South Gate on Christ Church Mount only.

Mrs McCarthy has recently had sad news from home in South Africa. Her father has died and she will be returning home on Thursday 8.2.24 for the funeral. Mrs Howe is looking forward to being back with RM until Mrs McCarthy's return on Monday 26.2.24. We all send our love and best wishes with Mrs McCarthy at this sad time for her.

Shortly after half term we have a Maths Workshop for Reception parents and carers. Mrs Vidal will be talking about how we can help children to develop strong foundations in maths, and what we look for in confident mathematicians in the Early Years. The workshop will be held on 26.2.24 from 8.50am – 9.50am in the school hall.

### Learning Question of the week: Can we recognise and name different emotions?

As we continue to answer this term's learning question "What's special about me?", this week we will focus on our feelings. We will share these stories: 'The Colour Monster' and 'In My Heart'. The children will be encouraged to talk about and name their feelings as well as talking about times they have felt big feelings. We will explore ways in which we can manage our feelings.

These are the skills we will be practising and the key learning we will focus on:

- Knowing what makes a good friend
- Joining materials to create props for play
- Blending sounds to read words
- Spelling words by identifying the sounds

- Using the symbols + - and = to represent parts and wholes
- Practising good posture when sitting on the carpet and at a table
- Using scissors to cut a range of materials
- Adding detail and using descriptive words when speaking about our feelings

## Phonics

Don't forget to help your child practise their phonic reading skills by sharing the books or ditties that are in their reading pack.

The RWI materials have very useful tips on how to support them with their reading, which are well worth a read.

If your child gets stuck on a phonically decodable word say "Can you Fred Talk, read the word?".

You child might like to spend a few minute practising blending the sounds to read words by playing this game: <https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/poopDeck/index.html>

## Concept Word

This week's concept word is: light (not heavy)



**Help your child at home:** Can you sort some objects at home, picking up the

## Reading

Some words we learn to read are called 'red' words. These are words that are not decodable using our usual 'Fred Talk' method. We need to learn these by sight. We will be introducing new 'red' words each week and will put a sticker in your child's Learning Journal to let you know what they are. Please practise recognising these words at home.

Please review all of the red words: **I, my, the, you, said.**

Perhaps you could make and play bingo using the red words!

## Maths

In maths, we will consolidate our knowledge of parts and wholes. The children will gain confidence in understanding what 'equal' means and will practise subitising to recognise amounts (e.g. recognising that 3 and 2 makes 5 without having to count it out).

Being equal

4 represents the same amount as the red box (number blocks) and as the green box (£4).

How many?

Can your child spot there are 6 counters on the tens frame straight away?  
 Can your child explain how they remember seeing the 6 counters if you hide it from them? (We could see it as 2 and 4 or 2 and 3, 1 and 2).  
 Can your child speak in a full sentence to explain 'what are the parts?' and 'what is the whole?'  
 How do you know?

## Show and Tell

This week's Show and Tell is on Thursday for Turquoise group. For this half term the theme is 'something I am good at.'

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 photo of them doing something they are good at, perhaps a hobby of theirs. They might have something they can bring in such as a certificate from a

club they have attended or maybe they want to share something they have drawn or made because they are good at art. These are just a few examples, but please feel free to send in something your child chooses. Photos 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.

If you wish to play some electronic games or watch some interesting episodes with your children over the half term we have a few great recommendations:

Episodes:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/do-you-know>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/andys-secret-hideout>

Games:

- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PicnicOnPluto.html>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PictureMatch.html>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html>



We hope you have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs McCarthy




**For your calendar:**

**Tuesday 20.2.24**  
**10.30am – 11.45am**

School Council's Generations Coffee Morning


Grandparents, retired neighbours are welcome to join our School Councillors.



**Maths Workshop**

**Monday 26.2.24**  
**8.50am – 9.50am**

How to help your child develop strong foundations in maths – workshop for YN and YR Parents/Carers. Please book [here](#)



**Coming up soon:**

<b>February</b>		
w/b Monday 5.2.24	-	Last week of Internal clubs
Wednesday 7.2.24	8.45am – 9.30am	2W's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Thursday 8.2.24	8.45am – 9.30am	2J's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Thursday 8.2.24	9.00am – 10.30am	Come and Play Toddler Group – South Gate entrance via Christ Church Mount only
Thursday 8.2.24	Afternoon	Y3 and Y5 Talent Show in school - Hall

Friday 9.2.24	8.45am – 9.30am	2P's Class Assembly for Parents/Carers in the Hall
Friday 9.2.24	Afternoon	Y1 and Y2 Talent Show in school – Studio Y6 and Y4 Talent Show in school - Hall
Friday 9.2.24	School closes at the normal time	Half term holiday starts
Monday 19.2.24	8.35am	Nursery and school opens for YN – Y6
w/b Monday 19.2.24	-	PTA Smarties fundraiser – send your donations back to nursery/school this week
w/b Monday 19.2.24	-	Internal clubs start
Tuesday 20.2.24	10.30am – 11.45am	School Council's Generations coffee morning – Grandparents, retired neighbours are welcome to join our School Councillors
Thursday 22.2.24	-	Girl Guide/Scouting Thinking Day – Rainbows/Brownies/Girl Guides/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts can come to school in their uniform instead of school uniform
Thursday 22.2.24	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Music Evening for participating children

### Accent Catering

Due to a change in the food delivery for Accent, today's main meal was Macaroni Cheese and tomorrow's main meal will be Cottage Pie.

### Reading Heroes

We are hoping to recruit some more volunteers to hear children read and help them in their reading journey. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Spooner via email. [parents@stamford-green.surrey.such.uk](mailto:parents@stamford-green.surrey.such.uk)

### Reminders for you:

#### Scooters and Bikes

Please note that children and parents/carers should not be riding bikes and scooters on school premises.

Children and parents/carers should get off their bikes and scooters at the top of the West Gate or by the Caretakers house at the East Gate.

This applies at Sunset pick up too.

#### Y1 – Y6 Talent Shows

Each year group will have the opportunity to showcase their talents on the following days:

**Thursday 8.2.24**  
Y3 and Y5

**Friday 9.2.24**  
Y1 and Y2  
Y6 and Y4

#### Y1 – Y6 Talent Shows

Past talent shows have showcased all kinds of talents from comedy, gymnastics and playing the piano to dancing, singing and magic tricks. Performances should be no more than 2 minutes and props, music and any costumes should be brought in with your child on the day of their show. If music is required, please provide a CD or email a sound file to teachers via [parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk)