



# Stamford Green

## Primary School and Nursery



2 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Reception Weekly Information – w/b 2.12.24

#### Our Festive Performances

Tuesday 17.12.24  
RB's First Christmas Songs

Wednesday 18.12.24  
RH's First Christmas Songs

Thursday 19.12.24  
RP's First Christmas Songs

All 8.45am – 9.30am in the  
Hall

#### Show and Tell

Turquoise groups will have  
their turn on Friday 6.12.24.  
See details below.

#### YR Christmas party

This is during school **next** Friday  
13.12.24 for children only. (No  
change of clothes required)

Look out for a sticker in your  
child's Learning Journal with a  
suggested donation of food for  
the party.

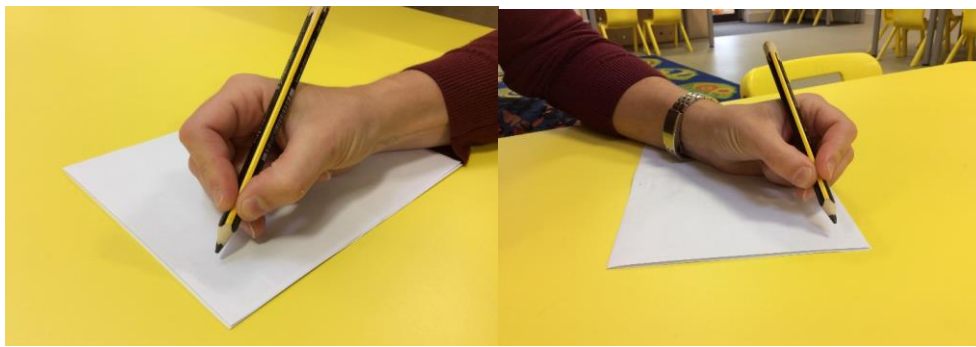
It was lovely to see so many of the Reception families enjoying the festivities at the PTA Christmas Fair on Sunday. A huge thank you for buying your child's Christmas decoration. They worked really hard on these! If you would still like to purchase your child's craft, they are welcome to bring in a donation and they will bring it home in their bag.

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 performance 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 (clearly labelled with their name) on Friday 13 or Monday 16 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, Thursday 12 December is Christmas jumper day for the whole school.

On Friday 13 December we will be enjoying our class Christmas parties! We'll play party games and share in a little party tea during the afternoon at school. There will be a sticker in your child's Learning Journal to ask for them to bring a small amount of food to share (to ensure that we don't end up with everyone bringing the same!) Each child will be asked to bring **six of the same items** e.g. six individual packets of crisps, six cupcakes. You won't need to supply enough for the whole class. When buying please keep in mind that we are a nut free school.

When writing this week, we continue to focus on using the correct tripod pencil grip (your children know nip, flip and grip very well now!)



Below are some example words for independent writing if you are looking for appropriate suggestions that use the phonic sounds. If they have started to learn 'special friends' they can practise some words using these, e.g. shop, chip, ring, sink, moth

map	nut	bob	tap	pat	sun	Mud
mop	box	in	cat	cot	cup	Mug
mat	hat	lock	bug	big	bat	Log
jog	jig	jet	gas	dig	got	Pot
top	dog	cod	kid	sunset	tap	Rip
dad	mum	hop	leg	fin	bed	Hop

### Learning Question of the week: Why do people celebrate Christmas?

This week we look at the Christmas Story and think about why people celebrate this special time of year. We will share the Nativity story and give children a chance to talk about how they are celebrating Christmas this year. We will make reference to Christianity and the Church we visited and talk about why people give gifts at Christmas.

From our Early Years curriculum the key skills we will focus on are:

- Count and represent amounts 0 – 10 using concrete resources and pictures.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Use scissors to cut in straight lines, either to cut out shapes or make fringes.
- Compare what is the same and what is different about versions of the same story.
- Label drawings using letters, sounds and known words.
- Use talk to work out problems or organise activities with others.
- Use a pedal vehicle that doesn't require balance eg bike with stabilisers/trike
- Follow instructions with two parts without further prompting.
- Learn a simple dance to be performed.
- Investigate and explore natural materials, substances and objects.

### Phonics

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 practicing at home each day feel much more confident and progress more quickly with reading. It is wonderful to see that most children know all of the single letter sounds now.

### 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. They are words that you will often see in books.

## Concept Word

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



Help your child at home: look through your child's toys and find a bendy toy. Label him Mr or Mrs Bendy. Show your child several different items and ask them to identify which things are bendy.

This week's red word is:

**you**

Red words from previous weeks:

**I, my, the**

## Maths

In maths, we will be focus on all the numbers from 1 – 10 and practising recognising these in context as well as having our daily maths meetings where we think about numbers, reasoning, patterns and comparing amounts.

## Show and Tell: Families

Show and Tell is on Friday for the **Turquoise** group from each class 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.

### Theme: Family

Your child might want to share a picture or drawing of their family to talk about. 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 subject bar. Please could we ask that children don't bring in anything precious/irreplaceable. The other groups will have their turns to show and tell as the term goes on – so only the named group should bring their show and tell next week.

We hope you have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Price



## For your calendar:

**Wednesday 11.12.24**

School Council's Generations Coffee Morning.

Grandparents, retired neighbours are welcome to join our School Councillors for a cup of tea, some biscuits and a lovely chat.

**Thursday 12.12.24**

Save the Children charity event.  
Wear a Christmas jumper and non uniform day  
- suggested £1 donation for the Save the Children charity.



## Coming up soon:

December		
Monday 2.12.24 – Monday 9.12.24	-	Letters can be posted to Father Christmas in the class Christmas post boxes
Thursday 5.12.24	9.00am – 9.45am	Y1 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
w/b 9.12.24	-	Last week for Internal clubs
Tuesday 10.12.24	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for families in the Hall Children taking part will be those attending Nursery that day
Wednesday 11.12.24	All day	Y1 Bright lights, big cities day
Wednesday 11.12.24	10.30am – 11.45am	School Council's Generations coffee morning – Grandparents, retired neighbours are welcome to join our School Councillors
Wednesday 11.12.24 – Tuesday 17.12.24	-	Children's Christmas cards to each other can be posted in the Christmas post box at the East and West Gates
Wednesday 11.12.24	8.45am – 9.30am	Y4 Carols by Candlelight for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Thursday 12.12.24	-	Save the Children charity event – Wear a Christmas jumper and non uniform day - £1 donation
Thursday 12.12.24	9.00am – 9.30am	YN Nativity Tableaux for families in the Hall Children taking part will be those attending Nursery that day
Friday 13.12.24	8.45am - 9.45am	Y2 Christmas Show for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child

## Reminders for you:

### Monday 2.12.24 – Monday 9.12.24

Letters can be posted to Father Christmas in the class Christmas post boxes.

Please make sure you include first name, surname and class on the letter.



### Wednesday 11.12.24 – Tuesday 17.12.24

Children can post Christmas cards to each other in the Christmas post boxes at the East and West Gates.



### Friday 20.12.24

School closes early for the Christmas holiday.

East Gate	West Gate
YN: 12.40pm	YN: 12.40pm
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Y1/Y2: 12.45pm	Y1/Y2: 12.50pm
Y3/Y6: 12.50pm	Y3/Y6: 12.55pm
Y4/Y5: 12.55pm	Y4/Y5: 1.00pm
<b>Sunset Collection:</b>	
2.30pm or 3.30pm - 4.00pm	

The Nursery application form for next September is now available on the school website. Please note the deadline of 15 January 2025.

<https://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Nursery+Admissions&pid=108>

