



16 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 16.12.24

Reception's First Christmas Songs

RB - Tuesday
RH - Wednesday
RP - Thursday

8.45am -9.30am

A little job for the holidays!

Please check all of your child's name labels in clothes or on belonging are in tact and replace over the holidays if needed.

End of Term

School finishes early for all year groups on Friday 20 December.

See Dates for Diaries for collection times.

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.

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 be a little sad when you leave, so if they are prepared for this it will be easier for them. We will look after them and we have lots of fun and learning planned for the rest of the day.

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 put to good use please email Mrs Ball. parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk

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

Learning Question of the week: How do people celebrate Christmas around the World?

This week we will talk about how we celebrate Christmas in England and at our homes with our families and find similarities between us by asking each other questions, e.g. Do you exchange gifts? What do you eat? Do you visit family? Are there any special traditions that your family follow each year? We will move on to think about how people celebrate in other countries, focusing on some particular traditions and replicating these in our art work.

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

- Write all the letters when I hear the sound.
- 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.
- Recognise and write numerals 0 – 10
- Express preferences for particular stories.
- Use a pedal vehicle that doesn't require balance eg bike with stabilisers/trike etc
- Use talk to work out problems or organise activities with others.
- Learn simple songs to be performed.
- Follow instructions with two parts without further prompting.

Phonics

Please continue to support your child with their reading during the holidays by sharing lots of stories at bedtime and continuing to practise 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.

Why not read some words together?

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2xfe88>

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4x5ean>

Or learn about some 'special friends'

<https://tinyurl.com/46a6asmb>

<https://tinyurl.com/3ejazpa9>



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.

This week's red words to review are:

I, my, the, you, said

Concept Word

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



Help at home: In a clear space, practise walking backwards.

Maths

In maths we will continue to look at statistics and how information can be represented in different ways using graphs, charts and other methods. We will also be reviewing some of our learning from this term. Remember to count EVERYTHING and enjoy spotting 'maths' everywhere you go, e.g.

- Look for shapes in the natural environment
- Spot patterns on Christmas jumpers
- Sort toys by colour and size
- Measure teddies to find out which is the tallest
- Compare amounts of item
- Share sweets equally

Show and Tell: Families

Show and Tell is on Friday for the **Indigo** 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 practicing 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 and should be labelled with your child's name and class in the 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.

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!"

Finally, we would like to wish all the Reception children and their families a very safe and happy holiday. Whether you are celebrating Christmas or Hanukah, or just enjoying the opportunity for some lovely family time, 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.

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Price



For your calendar:

Friday 20.12.24

School closes early for the Christmas holiday.

East Gate	West Gate
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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
Sunset Collection: 2.30pm or 3.30pm - 4.00pm	

Monday 6.1.25

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

Coming up soon:

December		
Monday 16.12.24	8.45am – 9.45am	Y3 Nativity for Parents/Carers in the Hall – Two seats per child
Tuesday 17.12.24	8.45am – 9.30am	RB's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall

Wednesday 18.12.24	8.45am – 9.30am	RH's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall																
Wednesday 18.12.24	1.45pm	Y5 and Y6 Carol Service at Christ Church – Doors open for families at 1.40pm																
Thursday 19.12.24	8.45am – 9.30am	RP's First Christmas Songs for families in the Hall																
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Monday 6.1.25	8.35am	YN to Y6 – Nursery and school opens for the spring term																
Thursday 9.1.25	9.15am – 10.15am	Prospective families Open Morning – School and Nursery - please book via our website																

Reminders for you:

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.



Christmas Trees

If you would like an 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 if you are interested.

Flu Vaccine

If you missed booking the flu vaccine for your child, the portal is open until Thursday 2 January 2025.

Please see the letter with booking information on the [website](#).

Christmas Performance – West Gate

If parents/carers wish to leave via the West Gate after a performance, please wait at the East Gate and once everyone is out of the hall and ready, you will be taken up to the West Gate together. You will not be able to walk up unaccompanied and buzz yourself out.

Can you help?

Iftar Planning Committee

Next spring, we would like to host a school Iftar during Ramadan. Everyone will be welcome. The event will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to come together at this special time. We are looking for volunteers to be part of our planning committee, to advise and support the event. If you feel you would like to be part of this team, please contact Mrs Temlett via email parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk