



Sunbeams Newsletter 6



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 27TH NOVEMBER 23

Latest News

The children have been having a lot of fun learning about Space and Light. As we move into December we begin to turn our attention to all things Christmas. The Children will be busy making little gifts, carrying out Christmas activities, practicing Christmas songs, talking about kindness and giving.

Tapestry: Individualised Tapestry entries will pause until next year as staff need to use the time to gather information for on-going assessments and prepare and provide Christmas activities. There will be group entries detailing all our Christmas festivities before the end of term to keep you informed. Please don't forget to like or comment on the entries you receive and also add any observations you feel relevant. Remember you can download your child's Journal at the end of the academic year.

School Applications: If your child is born between Sept 2019 to August 2020 and you have not yet applied for a reception place in any school, please let a member of Sunbeams team know.

Fortnightly Phonics

I & N

What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

Books and Rhymes

Christmas Songs and Stories

Home learning

(remember you are your child's first educator)

Celebrate My Achievements.

Over the next few weeks you will receive your child's Marvellous Marks folders. These contain marks your child has made over the term. Please take the time to discuss and value your child's work and mark making attempt in these folders. This will help to encourage self esteem and the belief that the efforts they make at school are important and matter to you.

'See themselves as a valuable individual' Development Matters '23 Personal and Social Development.

Important Dates

Friday 15th December 2023 - Last day of term - Children finish at 1pm
Christmas holidays - **Mon 18th December 2023 to Mon 1st January 2024** - 2nd January 2024 Children back to school.
Monday 15th January - portal for school application closes
Mon 12th to Fri 16th February - Half Term

Christmas Dates

Mon 27th Nov & Tues 28th Nov (AM) FOSS
'Elfridges' Gift Stall

Wed 29th Nov (PM) - FOSS 'Elfridges' Gift Stall

Monday 4th December INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday 5th (Sunbeams only) & Thursday 7th Dec

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on these days to Sunbeams

Tuesday 12th & Thurs 14th Dec 2pm - Sunbeams
Stars and Sparkle Carol Concert in the school hall,
tickets required see below.

Wednesday 13th Dec - AM & PM - Sunbeams
Christmas Party- children can come to Sunbeams in their party clothes as long as they can pull them up and down to go to toilet. They also need shoes that are suitable for outside and inside.

Fri 15th Dec - Last day of Autumn term -
Full-timers finish at 1pm, normal time (12pm) for part-time children

Stars and Sparkle Christmas Performance

Sunbeams would like to hold a Christmas Carol Concert in the last week of term. Sunbeams will do two performances one on Tuesday 12th December and one on Thursday 14th December so most part-time children can attend and Parents can decide which concert they would like to attend. If your child does not attend Sunbeams for either of these sessions and you would like them to attend, then please speak to a member of staff. Both events will be held in the school hall and start at 2pm. You may take your child home afterwards if you wish. Please see attached letter on how you can obtain tickets.

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

To report absence, late pick up or collection information or other urgent information.) office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

To contact the teacher for non urgent information:

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