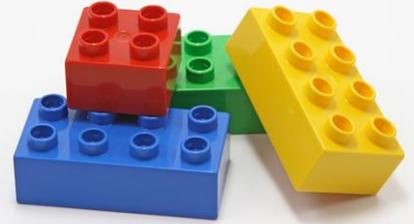
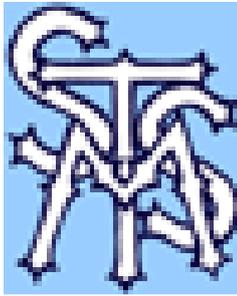


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Newsletter for FS Parents

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Achieving *SUCCESS*, providing *OPPORTUNITIES* and fostering *STEWARDSHIP* through *IRRESISTIBLE LEARNING* in Foundation Stage

It's lovely to see the children happy and making good progress. As we begin the countdown to Christmas, we have a variety of exciting learning experiences planned which we have no doubt the children will enjoy.

EYFS Christmas Nativity



This will take place on Wednesday 7th December 2016 between 10:00 – 11:00am in the school hall. Details will follow.

Pupil Progress



We hope that you enjoyed your child's Pupil Progress meeting and had an opportunity to look through your child's learning journal.

Please remember if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

If you have not met with your child's Key Person to date, please arrange a meeting ASAP.

Don't forget to sign up to our EYFS blog!

<https://stmseyfs.wordpress.com/>

PHONICS

This half term your child will be assigned a new phonics teacher. This helps us tailor the curriculum to meet their needs. When we feel your child is ready, we will be introducing the sounds above.

KEY WORDS

Your child should soon be able to read simple words so we will give them a bag of key **words to practice with you daily**. Black words should be sounded out using 'robot arms' and red words are 'tricky' and have to be learnt by sight.

Phase 2 Sounds

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d
							
g	o	c	k	ck	e	u	r
							
h	b	f	ff	l	ll	ss	
							

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READING

In the Autumn term, we aim to change school reading books twice a week.

Each time you listen to your child read their school reading book, please record the following information in their 'Home Reading Record':

- Date
- Title of the book
- Your initials

Each time we read with your child in school, we will do the same.

The 'Home Reading Record' enables us to gain a picture of how often your child is heard read **at home**. There is no need to record any additional books, such as library books with a barcode, in your child's Home Reading Record.

Experience shows us that the more parents listen to children read at home, the better readers they become. We strongly encourage all parents to listen to their children read every day. There is a minimum expectation that parents hear children read at home at least three times per week.

Each time you listen to your child read **at home**, your child's name will move up the 'Rewarding Reading' tree which is displayed at the entrance to EYFS. This will be updated once a week. (This home reading initiative – reading with adults in school will not be counted)

Children who reach the top of the tree by the end of term will be entered into a prize draw.

Religious Education

We will continue to learn about 'Prayers, Saints and Feasts' and then move into 'Advent' where we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

WOW

WOW stickers are a great way for you to contribute to your child's learning. Use them to note down when you find your child doing something new and exciting for the first time. Send the stickers back into school and we'll stick them into your child's personal learning journal.



Dress to impress!

Please ensure your child wears their school tie every day.

Children who arrive late for school can become upset and distressed. It is vital your child is on the INFANT playground when the first bell rings at 8.45AM.

Teacher's Surgery

If you have any concerns or you would just like to have an informal chat about your child's progress, then please make an appointment with their teacher. Surgery day is Monday after school.

REMINDER

Library books are changed every Tuesday!

