



Steam Mills Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have all had a lovely chocolate filled Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the lovely weather that we have had over the holiday.

Welcome to Rosie, Maddie and Benjamin who join us at Preschool this term.

Last term was fairly short but very jam packed!

Signs of spring – We have been on numerous walks around the school grounds to talk about and recognise the changes to the environment. We have created some paintings based on what we have seen, painting daffodils and enjoyed welsh cakes for St David's Day that Elodie brought in for us!



World Book Day - We were very comfy in our pyjamas and the children listened so intently as Mr Wildin read them a story. They also enjoyed the visit by local author Charlotte Taylor and created some beautiful art work inspired by her story.



Easter – We enjoyed an egg hunt within Preschool, read various Easter stories and sang songs. We matched numeral to quantity using eggs, designed our own Easter eggs using paint and other craft materials and made Easter cakes with icing, fluffy chicks and eggs!



Mother's Day – This year, we created flower pots for our Mother's Day gifts using chocolate muffins, lolly pops and jelly worms. We practiced our mark making skills, writing letters from our names on our labels and talked daily about the special women in our lives.

We took Michael Recycle to lunch with us and shared our own knowledge of recycling with our peers, talking about what we do at home to recycle and what materials can be recycled.

We had another lot of snow to enjoy, where we used different coloured water and pipettes to change the colour of the snow.

We also created coronation pictures to celebrate the upcoming coronation of King Charles using hand prints and pom poms.

We have had car races and made ramps using guttering, planks and recycled materials.

We have also handed out Number blocks number sheets to complete at home weekly, we do not expect the children to return these to Preschool they are just to recall what number we have been learning about and the children seem to enjoy doing them!







Independence

To develop and promote independence, please can you, if and where possible, dress your child in shoes that they can put on themselves. We actively encourage the children to put on their own coats and shoes and socks as this helps the children develop skills to help with school readiness.

Please could you also ensure your child has a manageable drinks bottle.

Toys from home

We are asking if you can encourage your child to refrain from bringing toys in from home. In September, they will not be allowed to take things into Class 1 from home so this will get them used to this transition.

Parent Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended+ Parents Evenings. As always, if you have any questions or queries please do speak to one of us.

We are looking for.... Do you have.....?

- Clean paint rollers/ brushes
- Role-play hats- firemen, police etc
- Off cuts of guttering, flexi hose, tubes- to help with our plans to create a water wall
- Yoghurt pots
- Buttons/ Ribbons
- Boys trousers
- Socks
- Old phones
- Cupcake cases- paper or silicone
- Birthday cake candles

Important dates for your Diary

Monday 17th April - Return to Pre-School for Summer Term 5

Monday 17th April – Primary School Allocation Day

Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebrations - details to follow from FOSM

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for Coronation

Friday 12th May - Class photos (all welcome to attend)

Tuesday 16th May - Rags to Riches collection

Friday 26th May – Last day of term

Monday 5th June - Return to Pre-School for Summer Term 6

As always, if you have any questions, please speak to one of us or email
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Many thanks.

Kelly and Laura ☺