



Steam Mills Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a lovely sun filled week?!
This is going to be the last term at Pre-School for a lot of our children who will be taking the big step upto their new primary schools and classes in September!

This term, we also welcome Zachary to the Pre-School family 😊

Forest School



We have enjoyed joining Class 1 on a Friday morning at our Forest School site.
We have listened to birds and identified them using Mrs Evans' bird app. We described how we felt in the forest school space, sat quietly with our eyes closed - listening to the different sounds we could hear around us.

Activities included –

Painting the trees and fencing using brushes, rollers and pieces of fallen fir tree with water.
Used a variety of tools to dig and explore - spades, forks, hand mixer.
Collecting 'treasure' and pegging on our special washing line.
Lots of mathematical language, teamwork and own play ideas.

Kings Coronation

Although the celebrations were moved inside due to the weather, the children still enjoyed an ice cream van visit and all had a 'Mr Whippy' icecream whilst sitting under the canopy.

We used twigs and added ribbons and strings to create royal wavy sticks experimenting with lots of fixing techniques and used various holepunches to create nature inspired bunting.

We decorated our crowns and wore them during our class parade in the school hall.

We recalled our knowledge of The Royal Family and linked this to our own families.

London was a topic we talked about too, looking at maps – local and worldwide - talking about where we live - how we travel to Pre-School and what famous sites you may see in London where King Charles lives.



Planting

Another topic we have been looking at this term was planting. We read Olivers Fruit Salad, Jack and the Beanstalk and Jaspers Beanstalk and even took part in a 'Now Press Play' which told us the Jack and the Beanstalk story and we re-enacted it using our pink headphones on the grass altogether!

We each planted our own sunflower pots which the children all took home – we hope they are starting to grow! Please send us in any photos you may take of your sunflowers growing!



Other activities we have done this term –

We have certainly been enjoying the warmer weather at Pre-School.

We have been taking part in yoga with Caroline every Thursday, looking at transport and travel role playing with tickets and making trains and buses using the track, chairs, crates and other loose parts.

Experimented mixing paint to change colours, chalking outside developing our writing and drawing skills, dough disco and having a go on Class 1's big bikes and scooters!



Suncream/ Sun hats

Hopefully now we will see warmer weather, can you please ensure your child is wearing sun cream when they start their session and they bring in a sun hat with their name or initials on.

If your child attends all day, we will re apply sun cream after lunch.

If your wish for your child to wear their own sun cream or need to wear a specific brand, please send this in their bag with their name on.

Independence

To develop and promote independence, especially for our children leaving us in July to head to their primary schools, please can you dress your child in shoes that they can take off and 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 that they can carry themselves over to the school hall for lunch.

Toys from home

We are also asking if you can encourage your child to refrain from bringing toys into Pre-School from home. We have had toys go missing or break and in September, they will not be allowed to take things into Class 1 from home so this will get them used to this transition.

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

- Wellies size 9, 10
- Clean paint rollers/ brushes
- Off cuts of guttering, flexi hose, tubes- to help with our plans to create a water wall
- Boys trousers
- Old phones

Important dates for your Diary

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

Friday 16th June - Sports Day- More details to follow

Wednesday 28th June - Class 1 Bump up morning 9.30- 11.45

Thursday 29th June - Class 1 Bump up morning 9.30-11.45

Wednesday 12th July - Class 1 Bump up morning 9.30- 11.45

Monday 17th July - Preschool Leavers Party - More details to follow

Friday 21st July - Leavers Service

- Last day of Summer Term 6

Monday 24th July – Inset Day

Tuesday 25th July – Inset Day

Monday 4th September – Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September- Return to Preschool for Autumn Term 1 2023

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

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Many thanks.

Kelly and Laura 😊