

Steam Mills Primary

14.10.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Evenings

Our final Parent's evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 18th October, between 3:30pm and 6:15pm in the school hall. Please note that appointments are strictly limited to a maximum of 10 minutes per child. We will also have Pupil Contact Information Sheets for you to check and update after your appointment, you can either return these to the collection point on the day or take away with you to update and return to the school office later.

SEN appointments are available for those parents who have this option (on eSchools booking) and who would like to meet with Miss Barber. Apologies as it appears that SEN information is not pulling through accurately, so please do ignore the SEN appointment if not applicable or not needed for your child.

Pre-school have recently sent out a letter to all Pre-school parents detailing the arrangements for their Parents Evenings on Monday 17th (Pre-school Building) and Tuesday 18th October (School Hall).

Scholastic Book Fair

Don't forget our Scholastic Book Fair will be running at the same time as the main school Parents Evenings. This year's fair will be card only payments please via QR code, so please ensure you bring your phone along and payment card details!

Tempest Photography

Orders are to be placed on-line this year and need to be completed by **Wednesday 19th October** in order to qualify for the free posting option via the school.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – This week we have been learning about the 5 senses. We have touched objects and described them and we have smelt and tasted a variety of foods such as marshmallows, mint, chocolate and different herbs.

Class 1 - This week Class 1 have had lots of fun exploring autumnal change. We have been using microscopes to look at a variety of plants including their leaves and seeds, and

School Calendar 22/23

Term 1

5th Sept to 21st Oct

Term 2

1st Nov to 16th Dec

Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th Feb

Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

Term 5

17th April to 26th May

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

5th Sep, 21st Oct,

3rd Jan, 24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

October

17th Harvest Festival Week

18th Parents Evening

21st Inset Training Day

24th Half Term Holiday

31st Start of Term 2

November

4th Special Bonfire Night Lunch
FoSM Non-school Uniform Day

18th Children in Need Day

December

1st C1-C4 Pantomime Trip (Info to follow)

8th Visitor: Harold the Giraffe Life Education

9th Christmas Fayre

12th Pre-school Pantomime Trip (Info to follow)

13th Pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity Performances (9:00am and 5:00pm)

15th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

16th Christmas Parties & Choir Concert – 1:30pm

January 2023

18th Reception & Y6 Screening Vision & Measuring height & weight

25th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.
Rags to Riches Collection

have been describing and comparing them. This week in phonics, Class 1 have learnt o, c, k, ck and in maths we have been subitising up to 4.

Class 2 have spent the whole day today working on their art work. We have been looking at the work of Henri Matisse and creating collages in his style. We have been combining this with our geography topic of London to create a final piece of work.

Class 3 had a fabulous day creating a 'play in a day' all about Black History month. They acted out Rosa Parks and segregation on busses in America, Harriet Tubman and how she helped people escape from cotton farms and slavery on the White Lion. They worked incredibly hard to perform their play in front of the rest of the school and the children were all very impressed - Well done, Class 3!

Class 4 have been working hard this week; they have continued their learning about World War II and were lucky enough to handle artefacts from the Cheltenham Museum. The children got to look at a soldier's uniform, old newspapers, a gas mask and an item that really got them thinking... a darning mushroom!

RRSA

Article of the week - Article 24- Health and healthcare. Every child has the right to the best possible healthcare. This years' outright campaign focuses on this article. Head over to the school website > curriculum > Rights Respecting Schools Award section for activities and discussions to have at home.

Drop & Go

Please could we encourage parents to use the official drop and go system at the **back** (main car park) of the school and refrain from doing this at the KS2 gate. There was a near miss this week with cars unable to access the lane.

Digger

We are expecting a delivery of material to put down on the track and carpark on or around 15th November. Would any parents have access to a digger or mini-digger at all? Please contact Miss Agg if you are able to help. Thank you

Special Bonfire Meal – Friday 4th November & FoSM Non-school Uniform Day!

Please remember to complete, return the slip by **Monday 17th October** and also order/pay for a school lunch on ParentPay (the description will not match but we will go by the order slip). The school and FoSM have also decided to make this day a **non-school uniform** day (donation for Christmas Fayre Tombola please). Perhaps we could all wear bright and cheerful firework colours! Thank you.

Reading Books

We have an older set of KS1 reading books which are surplus to requirements. Please see Miss Agg if you are able to give them, or some of them a home.

Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Thomas – exploring new materials and staying focussed during activities.

Class 1

Evie - for writing her name beautifully.

Marley - for coming in and cracking on with her morning activities.

Class 2

Edward - always trying his best and contributing in class.

Elora - always trying I'm her writing.

Class 3

Ruby - For giving her learning 100% effort, all of the time.

Sofia - For contributing well in class discussions.

Class 4

Charlie D - for improved efforts in writing.

Tehya - for showing more confidence in her work.

Young Voices

Reminder to return your child's order form for the Parent Tickets/T-shirts **along with payment**. Please let Miss Agg know if you have not received this and need another copy. **The forms and payment** need to be returned by **20th October 2020** please. We have now also booked the coach for the trip and will be sending out details on when to pay, it will be £12.50 per child.

Here is also a link for the songs for children to practice at home if they wish and we have attached further instructions:

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=MYgpp4E5pCRbTFiG>

FoSM Parent Coach – Young Voices

FoSM are looking into booking a coach for the parents to travel up to the Young Voices concert. Please could you contact Louise Bent if you are interested in taking up this offer, the cost would be approximately £7-£8 each.

Email: mikerbent@btinternet.com

Harvest Festival

The school will be celebrating Harvest Festival w/c 17th October 2022. The children are busy learning new songs, there will be a singing assembly and class activities during the week. We would like to ask children to bring in a donation to support The Forest Foodbank if possible please, this can be brought in any time between Monday 17th October and Thursday 20th October (Friday 21st is Inset Training Day). The Foodbank are asking for specific donations at the moment if possible.

Soup
Smash Potato
Jam
UHT Milk
Microwave Rice
Tinned Vegetable
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice Pudding
Shower Gel
Shampoo
Washing-up Liquid
Cat and Dog Food

Teams4U Shoe Box Appeal

Each family should have received a leaflet this week to inform about the shoe box appeal that the school have signed up for again this year. Please do contribute if you can to this wonderful charity. If you would like to learn more about this charity, please take a look at the link below. Please hand your filled shoeboxes in by Friday 18th November. Many thanks.

<https://teams4u.com/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/T4U-Romania-Shoebox-2021.mp4>

Furniture

We still have a couple of chairs and some tables which are excess to requirement. Please contact Miss Agg if you are interested in giving them a home.

Summer Fayre

There are a number of food containers and plates awaiting collection in the school office. These were left after the school fayre. Please see Miss Agg if you think they may be yours.

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

COVID vaccines: how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course.

Children are eligible for:

- First or second dose – Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- First or second doses – Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)
- Third primary dose – Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose)
- Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose)

*children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

****people aged 16 or over must wait four weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination**

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the [local COVID information portal](#).

Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

More information about the COVID vaccines for children and young people is available [here](#).

Mitcheldean Drama Group

A Drama Group is starting week commencing 31st October for all ages at Mitcheldean Pavilion. The age groups are as follows: 5-7yrs : 7 -12 yrs : 11 – 18 yrs : 18 - 180 yrs! Please see attached information.

Christmas Concert St. Briavels

We have received a communication about a Christmas Concert taking place in St. Briavels Assembly Rooms, on the 9th December 2022.

The performers will be made up of children who live in the Forest of Dean. They are searching for eight children (ages 5-16) and one reserve performer, who have a strong musical ability and would like to be part of this celebration.

The event on the 9th December will be advertised in and around the Forest.

As the Assembly Rooms booking has only recently be confirmed. There is a sense of urgency to hear back from anyone who might be interested.

Please contact Miss Agg if your child is interested and she will pass on your child's details to the organisers.

Barnardo's – Solihull Antenatal Group

Please see attached posted giving information about a new antenatal Solihull Programme starting next week.

Ribston Hall Open Day

Attached is information on the Open Day for Ribston Hall on Tuesday 18th October.

Cinderford Rugby Club

Please find attached information about children's ruby sessions.

As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.