



Dear Parents and Carers

School Lunches

Please find attached our new AiP menu for after the Easter break. If your child requires school lunches, please check now that you have ordered them on Parentpay. We have a 48 hr cut-off for all orders. Thank you.

Easter Bonnet/Basket Competition and Parade

Thank you to Mrs Dickinson for kindly organising our Easter Competition. We had some amazing entries and Mr Wildin, our Federation Chair of Governors, had a really difficult time choosing! Thank you to everyone who entered, here are the lucky winners –

Pre-school – Penny Class 1 – Daphne Class 2 – Evie R
Class 3 – Fergie Class 4 - Norah



Term Dates 2023-24

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

Half Term: 27th—31st May

INSET days:

24th May and

22nd July

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

April

8th Start of Term 5

9th Swimming starts for Class 2

12th Football at Forest High – details to follow

18th Class 3 Trip to Beechenhurst

19th Federation Football Y5/6 at Steam Mills

FoSM Meeting – 3:15pm

Scholastic Book Fair

22nd Scholastic Book Fair

23rd Final Scholastic Book Fair

May

6th Bank Holiday

13th Rags2Riches collection

16th Class and Leaver Photos with Tempest Photography

23rd Sponsored Walk

End of Term 5

24th Inset Day

25th Reading Café – 3:15pm

June

3rd Start of Term 6

4th Class 3 Gymnastics starting

13th Y3/4 Federation Trip

14th Sports Day morning

19th Reading Café – 3:15pm

21st FoSM Non-school uniform day – Jingle Jars

Girls Football Five Acres

28th Football at Five Acres

FoSM Summer Fayre

July

2nd Five Acres Taster Day for Y6

3rd C4 Residential – final details to follow

5th School Discos

11th Reports week

15th Last Day for children

22nd Inset Training Day

FoSM

Thank you to Friends of Steam Mills for giving an Easter Egg gift to each child in school and pre-school, these are coming home today. We are also very grateful for all of the bottle donations today from Parents/Carers ready for the bottle tombola at the Summer Fayre.



Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)

Pre-school – Easter has hit Pre-School this week! We continued to make Easter themed sun catches that do look beautiful in our windows. The children took part in making chocolate Easter cakes which looked delicious, an Easter egg hunt in the garden and trying hot cross buns at snack time. We have also been talking again about the Easter story and on Thursday the children took part in the Easter parade around the school. We have also been out in the garden enjoying the warmer weather on the bikes and scooters, on the grass and in the mud kitchen. Our sound has been n and our number has been 5.

Class 1 – Full on week this week. All of the children have been writing wonderful instructions on how to plant a seed using time connectives and we finished writing the results of our science experiment. Reception have been doing some more work on doubles to 10 and have started to look at odd and even numbers (odd block and even tops NumberBlocks episode is useful to practise this concept). The children have all made Easter cards in school, but they have not been written in, this is an activity for them to do at home to practise their writing. All phase 2 and 3 phonics sound have been taught, please practise these at home with your children.

Class 2 – this week, Class 2 finished their recounts of our trip to Slimbridge. They worked very hard to remember what we had done on our trip and tried hard to use adjectives and time connectives. We have also completed our DT unit; wonderful windmills. The children have been experimenting with how to make a strong based, sails that fly in the wind and then designing their own windmill. They have worked very hard this term and to celebrate that we ended our week with an Easter egg hunt.

Class 3 have had a busy week writing non-chronological reports about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They thought carefully about their learning from the topic and used some brilliant vocabulary. In art, they have been colour mixing to create extensions of paintings by JMW Turner. They have also had a fun time making Easter cards.

Class 4 have had a very busy week! The children have written their persuasive letters to the Prime Minister about the Orangutans' plight linked to deforestation and climate change - they did really well with this and lots have produced a piece of writing to be proud of. In DT, the children have finished their bird hides; the structures were very creative and we're sure the wildlife would enjoy living in them. In Art, the children have been painting their final pieces. They have had to show lots of resilience and patience this week to produce these pieces and they have done this successfully! They've certainly earned a good rest - have a lovely Easter Break Class 4!



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Tobiasz - for being a good friend, always kind and caring.

Beatrix - for her attention to detail and focus on a range of activities.

Class 1

Luca & Mason: for working hard on their handwriting.

Star readers: **Tate, Theo, Mason, Daphne, Harper, Bella & Caitlin**

Class 2

Billy - fantastic reading. A Pleasure to listen to.

Jasmine - thinking very carefully about her writing and checking it makes sense.

Class 3

Sam - excellent work on formal multiplication.

Lily - always being a kind friend and a good role model.

Mollie - reading 50 times.

Class 4

Oakley - for turning around his learning in Writing and Maths.

Paige - for always making a super effort in writing.

Medication

We would like to remind parents/carers that all medication for children must be brought to the school office and a Medication Form completed. Please note that under normal circumstances and in line with the school's policy, we only accept prescribed medication that requires administering 4 times a day, medication that is 3 times a day, can be managed outside of school.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Current regular bookings for both clubs will be rolled over to Term 5. If you do have any changes to your regular bookings, please complete a new booking form or email admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk asap. Please ensure that any balances are cleared ready for the new term, in accordance with the school's no debt policy. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fayre

We have a Scholastic Book Fayre running on Friday 19th April, Monday 22nd April and Tuesday 23rd April after school in the library or hall. You are welcome to come and have a look at the lovely books for sale between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Please note that the sales are card only via a QR code which will be available on the day.

Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps?

We are here to help!
Our free healthy lifestyle programme can support families like yours make healthy habits. Help yourself to our sweet tips below.

1. Create a shopping list for the family, before going shopping.
2. Have a weekly sweet voucher. Your children choose when to "cash in" for a portion of sweets.
3. Use the **NHS Food Scanner** app to help find healthy swaps in the shops.
4. Try having a mix of fresh and dried fruits to help the sweet cravings, i.e. dried mango, bananas.
5. Remember to have dried fruits in small amounts as the sugar is more concentrated.
6. Mix things up and make fruit more fun - try making fruit cocktails, smoothies or ice lollies.
7. Look for healthy sweet treat recipes online. We might be biased but we think beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes is pretty good!

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Wishing you all a very



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.

Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website