



Steam Mills Primary

10.12.21



Dear Parents/Carers,

At the moment.....

We will continue to have multiple cover arrangements in place across Class 1 and 2 so that classes can stay open until the end of term. Children are still covering the curriculum areas planned, but routines may be slightly different such as the changing of reading books. Thank you for your continued understanding.

Please remain vigilant for symptoms and continue the use of LFTs frequently for nonsymptomatic members of your family. We are continuing to monitor the Covid situation and are working closely with UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

Students and staff who have tested positive are isolating. The children who have been identified as contacts of the confirmed case will have guidance from NHS test and trace and will be advised to take a PCR test. Outbreak control measures are also in place and being kept under review. The school remains open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

Pantomime

We have received some lovely feedback on our trip from FoSM. We would like to express how proud we are of all the children at Steam Mills. The comments made by all the parent helpers, FoSM committee members and even the theatre have been so complimentary. Everyone has said how well behaved and polite the children were, and for such a large group! They really were amazing the whole time we were there and their faces during the performance were priceless! A huge well done to the teachers as well who did an incredible job of organising on the day and ensured the children were calm and sensible when they needed to be. Well done all and thank you to FoSM for this amazing opportunity and experience!



Diary Dates



December

- 14th Pre-school Christmas Trip
- 15th Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate
- 16th Christmas Lunch
- 17th Last Day of Term 2 – FoSM non-school uniform day & Class Christmas Parties

January

- 4th Inset Training Day
- 5th Children start Term 3



Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate

All parents/carers are welcome to join the whole school for Christmas Carols and Hot Chocolate in the playground starting at 3pm on Wednesday 15th December. Many thanks to FoSM who will be providing hot chocolate and refreshments for a small charge to boost their fundraising for the school.

Class 4 Parents Evening

Mrs Thomas has rescheduled her 2nd parents evening for Monday 13th December. Please could you keep your previous time-slot and if you are unsure what this is, then please contact Miss Agg to check.

Zoom details for Parents Evening 2.

J. Thomas is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Parents Evening 2

Time: 13th December and time – slot already booked

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 886 9820 8494

Passcode: SKW9G6

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88698208494?pwd=VE9NS0cwRkUwbVd2cnRqNncraUdJQT09>

Rights Respecting

This week, we have explored Articles 4 and 43. These articles were linked to how governments can ensure children access their rights and linked to Human Rights day on 10th December. In Class 3, we spoke about how the government can help some families with money to ensure they can buy food, clothing and shelter. We discussed how children can be supported through foster care and adoption, if they cannot live with their parents. Children also recognised that education is free in the UK and how this enables all children this right.

It would be great to further discuss at home the meaning of equality and how Human Rights help all of humanity, as all children have these rights.

December Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers

During the December holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £30 for each child who is eligible for FSM, which will cover both weeks in the December holidays.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.



Head Teacher Certificates



Pre-school

Lewis – for forming the letters of his name.

Class 1

The whole of **Class 1** for being super stars this week!

Caitlin – for being super engaged and great dance moves at the Pantomime.

Class 2

The whole of **Class 2** for being a great team!

Class 3

Toby – for working hard in maths with addition.

Lily – for working hard with times tables facts.

Class 4

Ava – for great work in guided reading.

Ethan – for trying really hard in Maths.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the December holiday period is open from **Friday 26 November until midday Monday 13 December**. Voucher emails will be sent out between 13 and 15 December. If parents apply after the deadline, we cannot guarantee delivery of vouchers before 25 December.

For more information and for sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on <<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/>> our website.

Please contact

childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk<<mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk>> if you have any queries not answered on the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings - January

Please could you ensure that you complete a new booking form for next term if you require either Breakfast Club or After School Club. There is a regular slot booking form and a single session booking form. Although we strive to provide parents/carers with a flexible service, as much notice as possible would be appreciated for all bookings. Some days have been close to our safeguarding limit and we may not be able to accommodate last minute requests. We have attached the forms for your information but these are also available from reception.

Prostars Clubs

Prostars will be starting again in January and your child should have brought home a letter and booking slip. There is limited space for this club and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please return your slip by Wednesday 5th January 2022. Thank you.

Rags to Riches

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme again, to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. The school (FoSM) gets 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items. Our next collection will be **26 January 2022** so please keep us in mind if you are planning to have a sort out.

Barnardo's Baby Steps

Please find attached information from Barnardo's regarding their Baby Steps Group. Baby Steps will be breaking up for Christmas break after the session on the 16th December 2021 and will be returning the week beginning 10th January 2022.

Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning

Attached are some lovely ideas for December from the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning team.

Best Wishes

Mrs Davis