

Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though restrictions are starting to ease, please remember the following to keep everyone safe in school. Please practice social distancing, wear a face covering whilst on the school site, remain very vigilant for symptoms, do not send your child (or sibling) into school if they or any family member has any of the following symptoms and seek a PCR test:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Testing Protocol

Primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they have COVID symptoms, in which case their families should follow the 'Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and book a **PCR test** for the child. **Lateral Flow Tests (1/2 hour home tests) are for use with a person who does not have symptoms.**

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children for being awarded certificates in our Zoom Celebration Assembly:

Mia J and Archie in Class 4
Tehya and Cadi in Class 3
Roman and Fergie in Class 2
Cole and Blair in Class 1 and
Carla and Piper in Pre-school

Certificates were awarded for fantastic attributes again this week, including; being a good partner in guided reading, playing nicely with Pre-school at wrap-around, 100% effort in maths, using the distributive law for multiplication, good verbal communication, applying links to their learning, completing great challenges, performing lovely ballet, excellent language when comparing sunflowers and hearing rhyming words in an activity.

Diary Dates

May

20th Class Photographs, Y6 Individual Photos & Staff photos

28th Inset Day & End of Term 5

June

7th Start of Term 6

9th Class 3 – Roman themed day

14th Class 3&4 – Indian Dance Workshops

July

21st Inset Day & End of Term 6

September

2nd Inset Day

3rd Start of Term 1

Appointments

Please could we remind all parents to inform the school, if possible in advance, if you need to take your child for any appointments during school time. Please remember the important safeguarding requirement for you to sign them out at reception and to sign them back in on their return. Many thanks

Summer Events

This week, GCC have released Safety, Health and Environment instructions to schools for the summer term, which include the planning of events, pending updated Government guidance.

Class bubbles remain and visits to sites must continue to be restricted:

Secondary school transition visits for Y6 pupils: Children will be able to visit their secondary school for transition events under DfE/Public Health system of controls including the wearing of masks;

keeping to secure bubbles etc and we are in communication with secondary schools about this.

Sports Days: The current guidance remains that parents/carers should not attend sports days on school sites. Class bubbles need to be maintained for the summer term; however, we will ensure that the children experience an adapted sports day event.

End of Year Events: The current guidance is that schools should not host any performances with an audience, but consider alternatives such as recording performances of Y6 leavers' events, subject to the usual safeguarding considerations and parental permission. This may change should the next stage of the Government roadmap pass and guidance is updated. We will contact Y6 parents in due course.

Parents Evenings: Schools are encouraged to consider alternative means of providing feedback to parents/carers on pupil achievement with the use of virtual meetings. Arrangements will be communicated through this newsletter in due course.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis