



# Steam Mills Primary

18.10.2024



Dear Parents/Carers

## Xmas for Schools – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October deadline

The return date is no later than **this Monday**. Pictures must be with class teachers no later than Monday as the designs will be posted off on Tuesday. You can find out more information about this scheme here : <https://xmas4schools.co.uk/>

## Friends of Steam Mills Halloween School Discos!!!

FoSM have set the date for the next school disco for next **Thursday, 24th October!**



### KS1 Disco 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

(Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Pre-school and Reception parents to stay with their children please. Year 1&2 parents to drop children off and leave, please ensure you are back promptly to collect.

### KS2 Disco 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

(Year 3 – Year 6)

Parents to drop children off and leave; please ensure you are back promptly to collect.

Tickets will be £1 on the door (please bring exact money).

Tuckshop will be available; please no more than £2 per child to bring on the day.

**Please can we ask, if at all possible, if you have siblings in the two different age groups that arrangements are made for them to be brought to their discos separately? We have very limited space in the school hall. Thank you**

**All children should also have brought one of these home today 😊**



## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> September-20<sup>th</sup> December

### Half Term

28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November

### Spring term 2025

6<sup>th</sup> January-11<sup>th</sup> April

### Half Term

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February

### Summer Term 2025

28<sup>th</sup> April-21<sup>st</sup> July

### Half Term

26<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May

### INSET days:

25<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> April and 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Diary Dates (incl. Federation October activities)

22<sup>nd</sup> Reading Café – everyone welcome

24<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Collection/ Non-school Uniform Day  
Halloween School Discos

25<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day  
End of Term 1

### November

4<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 2

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

12<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Trip to Bletchley Park

14<sup>th</sup> Reading Café by invite only

15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – wear something spotty

Teams 4 U Shoebox collection

### December

4<sup>th</sup> Whole school Panto

9<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Play Rehearsal

10<sup>th</sup> Pre-school trip to Christmas Show

11<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Play Performances for parents 9:30am and 5:00pm

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties

20<sup>th</sup> Carol Service & End of Term 2

### January

6<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day

7<sup>th</sup> Start of Term

22<sup>nd</sup> Rags 2 Riches Collection

## Drop & Go - Safeguarding

Please ensure that children are dropped at the rear carpark gate and not the gates at the main road side of the school. Thank you

## Harvest Festival Collection and Non-School Uniform Day – Thursday 24th October 2024

We are making this day a **non-school uniform day** and we are again collecting donated items to the Forest Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival celebration. The Foodbank provides an important lifeline to so many in our local community. We have been asked by the Foodbank to request the following items if possible, which can be handed into reception or the class teacher:



**fruit juice, Smash, sponge puddings, jelly, Angel Delight, jam, packet soup, instant noodles, multipack crisps, UHT milk. Toiletries and household products such as washing powder and washing up liquid. Thank you!**

The children will be having an assembly with Forest Foodbank on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to explain what they do and how we can help as well as singing Harvest songs with Mrs Evans. **Article 24- the right to nutritious food**

## Reminder - Secondary School Application

The closing date for secondary school applications is approaching – **31 October 2024**. There are a number of parents who have not entered their preferences to Gloucestershire County Council.

Please apply online here: [Transfer to Secondary School or from Middle to High School, September 2025 | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Parents/carers with queries can contact the team on either [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or 01452 425407.

## Remembrance Day

We are hoping to mark Remembrance Day with the sale of Poppies and other Poppy Appeal merchandise again this year. We will let you know the details either next week or the first week back after half term. Thank you



## Teams 4 U

The school is taking part in the Teams 4 U shoebox charity collection once again this year. All children should have brought home a leaflet which gives all the information needed. The charity is happy to accept complete shoebox donations or separate items that would be suitable. Please could all donations be handed in by **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. You can find more information here:

<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Thank you



## Star of the Week Certificates



### Pre-school

**Lottie** - for settling in so well at Pre-School.

**Cooper** - for his fantastic number recognition 1-5.

### Class 1

**Reggie** - for his enthusiasm towards his learning.

**Zachary** - for trying his best in maths.

**Star readers: Oak, Reggie, Tommy & Benjamin**

### Class 2

**Robert, Charlie M and Austin** - wonderful role play of the characters in Lubna and Pebble. Using great inference skills to add in what they were thinking and feeling.

### Class 3

**Alfie B** - for being an enthusiastic learner in music and French.

**Harper** - for trying her best in all areas and being using polite manners.

### Class 4

**Bea** - for being a supportive learning partner.

**Sam** - for consistent effort and achievement in spellings.



## Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November with a non-school uniform day and, if possible, by wearing something spotty! We have limited amounts of Pudsey Ears (£2.50) and Pudsey Wristbands (£1) to purchase if children would like to support the charity. No other donation is required for this day.



## 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** – this week at Pre-School the children have started to talk about Halloween to us, so we have included this within our play this week. We have made cauldron paintings using tubes orange materials to design our own pumpkins. We have moved the stage to under the canopy where the children have been doing lots of singing and playing musical instruments to make a band. We have been using our motor skills to cut with scissors and tear paper up. Rosie came in for our Wednesday music mornings and we took part in yoga yesterday. Our sound this week has been N and our number has been 6.

**Class 1** – this week, Class 1 have been finishing their thank you letters to community heroes and finishing their writing topic book 'I am Henry finch'. In phonics we have learnt 'e, u, r' and our HFW's are 'get, dog, can, got, on, not, cat'. In maths we have been looking at the concept of more and fewer and we have been identifying the difference (fewer is in relation to quantity). In the afternoons we have been looking at healthy eating, and yesterday the children helped Miss Byrnes make a healthy snack using the home corner toys.

**Class 2** – this week, Class 2 had a wonderful Tuesday morning at Woodside school as part of our Federation events. We made autumn punch and decorated biscuits. The children were so kind and welcoming to everyone they met. They really enjoyed the day and were buzzing with excitement to tell everyone about it when we came back to Steam Mills. We have completed some Autumn artwork this week, using bubble wrap to create autumn leaves and print these. As well, the Y1s have learnt u-e(oo), u-e and ar this week in phonics.



**Class 3** - have been busy making cave walls in preparation for making the final cave art piece of work. They have also used charcoal pencils to draw native animals. In maths, Y3s have moved onto shape and looking at different types of lines and Y4s have been continuing their work on properties of triangles and quadrilaterals. Another great week- well done!

**Class 4** have been great this week! In science, they have planned and started to conduct an investigation, considering the variables they should control and change. In writing, we have been considering if Mr Tom did the right thing and the general consensus is that he did! This text seems to have really engaged the children and they have showed lots of empathy for Willie Beech - we are looking forward to writing our newspaper reports next week. They wrote some lovely letters this week in History from the perspective of an evacuee! In DT, the children have been finishing their Morse code boxes and they are very proud of them.



## Staff Vacancies

We currently have a number of staff vacancies, these can be found on our website here:

[https://www.steammillprimary.co.uk/website/current\\_vacancies/431324](https://www.steammillprimary.co.uk/website/current_vacancies/431324)

## Breakfast and After School Club

Please could we remind parents/carers to book their children in to use this service and pay at point of booking (in line with the school's Debt Policy). We have to carefully manage the number of children attending with the number of staff required for safeguarding purposes and this is proving difficult with children attending who have not had a place booked for them. Also, please note our 24-hour cancellation policy, this is in place so that we can offer places to another family if needed. Thank you

**Better Housing  
Better Health**

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service



### HOME ENERGY ADVICE

If you're worried about paying your energy bills, want to know how to make your home warmer or need advice on accessing financial support, Better Housing Better Health are here to help. We're a charity working locally to improve residents' domestic warmth and wellbeing and improve the energy efficiency of your property.

**BETTER HOUSING BETTER HEALTH CAN HELP WITH:**

**ENERGY BILL  
SUPPORT**

**HOME  
ENERGY  
VISITS**

**FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE**

**PRIORITY  
SERVICES  
REGISTER**



**GET IN TOUCH**  
**0800 107 0044**

[www.bhbh.org.uk](http://www.bhbh.org.uk)

**FACE** November 2024 Newsletter

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Monday 25th Nov 19:00 - 20:00 FREE	<b>FREE SESSION</b> <b>Decreasing Depression</b> A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.
Thursday 7th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	<b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
Tuesday 12th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	<b>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance</b> Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.
Monday 18th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	<b>Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!</b> What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?
Thursday 21st Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	<b>Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b> Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Halloween disco**  
30TH OCT  
5PM TO 7PM

**FREE ENTRY**

**THE WESLEY**  
BELLE VUE RD, CINDERFORD

**WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER**  
5PM TO 7PM

KS1 AND KS2  
PARENTS PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN

**FOREST SPORTS**  
PROSTARS

**Half Term Activity Camp**  
Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st November

Prices Starting From **£25.00 PER DAY**

Bookings: [prostars.ipalbookings.com](http://prostars.ipalbookings.com)

Ashfield Park Primary School (ROW)	St White's Primary (Cinderford)	Primrose Hill Primary (Lydney)
Naunton Park Primary School (Cheltenham)	Berry Hill Primary School (Coleford)	Picklenash Junior School (Newent)

For Further Information Please Contact:  
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**WHAT'S ON AT PROSTARS?**

**M-M-M-MUMMIES!!!**  
It is for Monday and Mummies! Get ready to be mummified in some scary team games be the first to dress your mummy the fastest to win!

**MOVING AT THE SPEED OF...ZOMBIES**  
From zombies tag to Doctors on wheels, come and join us for a day full of Zombie-nific games. It's a NO-BRAINER!!

**WICKED WITCHES**  
Get ready to use your imagination as Wednesday you'll be flying around on broomsticks, I mean broomsticks trying to win against the other witches in all different kinds of races!

**TRICK OR TREAT!**  
It's Halloween, come dressed up in your spookiest outfits ready for some scary, good fun activities and games!

**AUTUMN SCAVENGER HUNT**  
With all the fun and excitement of Halloween over, join us as we go on a Scavenger Hunt to find out what's beneath the forest leaves, be prepared to get your hands dirty!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM PROSTARS!!**

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**

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