

Steam Mills Primary

11.12.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Health and Safety Reminder

When dropping off in the morning children must stay with their parents, so that bubbles are not mixed. Additionally, because of icy playgrounds, we do not de-ice the entire playground before school and it is not safe for you to allow your child to run around.

DfE Track and Trace Information for the End of Term

For the first 6 days after term ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school. The school needs to be informed to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Therefore, if your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of leaving school on Fri 18th Dec or tests positive within 6 days (ie up to Christmas Eve) please email head@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk and I will inform everyone who needs to isolate.

Remain vigilant: Please continue to protect your bubble as the last thing we want now is for anyone to have to isolate over Christmas! Please remain very vigilant for symptoms and do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **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.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion by purchasing Poppy Appeal merchandise from school. We raised an amazing £171.18 for the appeal.

Class 2

Current cover arrangements are with existing teaching staff, due to staff absence.

Class 3

After Christmas: Mrs Gibbs will teach all day Mon-Thurs and Miss Carlson, as a qualified teacher, will teach on a Friday. Many thanks to Mrs Evans, who will be teaching in another bubble. Miss Carlson will be teaching the subjects Mrs Evans delivered, and everyone is ensuring good transition so there will be minimal change for the children.

Diary Dates

December

w/c Class Christmas Parties
14th and Christmas Crafts
18th Christmas Lunch
End of Term 2

January

4th Inset Training Day
5th Start of Term 3
28th Rec & Y6 Screening

February

12th End of Term 3
22nd Start of Term 4



Internet Connection

The School and Governors have committed to the cost of the upgrade and installation of a new, leased line for our school internet connection. This work is necessary due to the issue we currently have where the standard internet connection is too weak to support on-line conferencing packages. Therefore, from January, we will have the ability to come together virtually as a school and stream assemblies, productions etc.

Breakfast Club Parking

Please when parking in the morning to drop children at Breakfast Club, try to park on the left hand side as you enter the car park. Many thanks

Access Control Upgrade for Main Gate

Thank you for bearing with us, whilst we have been awaiting an upgrade to our access control on the main gate, we know this has been particularly difficult in the mornings for Breakfast Club. We have works planned on 21st December so that in January, you will have three options when arriving at the gate to access the site. 1 – Office, 2 – Breakfast Club and After School Club and 3 – Staff Room. We will publish this information again in January to confirm protocol. Please note : After School Club will also use this gate from January 2021 and parents carers will need to walk around to the BC/ASC door and also ring the bell on that door as they do currently for Breakfast Club.

Student Teacher

Miss Purcell, BEd student teacher, will join the Class 3 bubble for a five-week placement after Christmas.

Home-Start in the Forest

Please find attached information and support available through the Home-Start in the Forest initiative.

Pre-School Nativity

Thank you to our Pre-school staff who organised the most wonderful Nativity play for the Pre-school children. This is available for all Pre-school parents to view via our Tapestry platform. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any issues accessing the video.

Goodbyes

Goodbye and good luck to Miss Hewson-Barsellotti and Mrs Hinchey-Marshall in their new posts after Christmas-we wish them well in their new ventures.

We hope the children are looking forward to the last week of term and all the Christmas activities in store for them. Above are just some of the activities happening next week!

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis

Christmas Week at Steam Mills Primary

Christmas card making

Creative Christmas
Calendar making

Christmas story with
Hot Chocolate around
the class Christmas tree

Christmas Film &
Popcorn

Christmas Carols

Christmas Dinner (wear
your favourite
Christmas Jumper!)

