

Steam Mills Primary

24.09.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Flu Vaccinations

The vaccination team are visiting on Thursday 30th September and request that **all** paper consent forms are returned to the school office either consenting or declining the offer. Please ensure these are returned no later than Wednesday 29th September. Thank you

Drop and Go

Please could parents consider using the Drop and Go service rather than parking in the main car park. Many thanks

Free School Meal scheme for October Half term

For the October half-term, 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 £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week. 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.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on our website](#). For any queries please contact: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

School Year – Term Dates

Due to the addition of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday to the 2022 calendar, there have been recent changes to the term dates for the current academic year, following on from government guidance on this. The additional Bank Holiday will fall in the summer half-term, and therefore schools finish the school year a day earlier than previously published (on the 21st July instead of the 22nd July, 2022) to allow for this additional non-schooling day in the academic calendar. The school year will now be 189 days, as opposed to the standard 190 (not including the usual 5 INSET days). Steam Mills final INSET day has been changed to Thursday 21st July 2022 and the last day for the children will be Wednesday 20th July 2022. We have attached the new School Terms and Holidays Calendar for your information and hope that this is clear, please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Diary Dates

September

30th Flu Immunisations

October

7th Tempest
Photography
(sibling and individual photos)

21st Last day of Term 1

22nd Inset Day

November

1st Start of Term 2

19th Children in Need

Children in Need Day

Takes place on Friday 19th November. Children can wear a non-uniform or a costume of choice. Please donate £1.

Barnardo's

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from Barnardo's detailing their Family Support Service.

Rights Respecting

This week, we have been thinking about the environment. We have been discussing issues that are important to us in relation to this topic and using our right to have an opinion and to be listened to. It would be great to have a chat at home about environmental issues that are important to your child.

Rags to Riches

Thank you so much for all of the donations – the school raised £84.16 for Friends of Steam Mills (FoSM).

Our School App

A reminder to please use your App store provider, search for Our School App and download, enter the post code – GL14 3JD and select Steam Mills Primary School. All future Newsletters and general information will be uploaded to the new App.

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Please see flyer on the next page.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis

**Head Teacher Certificates**

Pre-school
Tate - who has settled really well into pre-school and always does fantastic tidying up!

Class 1
Lily – for reading and trying her best.
Winnie - trying her best with phonics.

Class 2
Isabella – brilliant editing of her letter to Beegu.
Cole – effort in phonics.

Class 3
Keaton - great understanding of place value.
Isabelle - developing times tables knowledge.

Class 4
Neveah – setting a great example and playing beautifully with Pre-school children.
Charlie – sharing empathy and kindness to a classmate at lunchtime.

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Primary and Youth Theatre Classes

running at Cinderford Miners Hall.

This term we will be looking at new characters and new plays each week and building on our performance skills.

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