

# Steam Mills Primary

17.06.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wish Mrs Davis a speedy recovery and look forward to her return next week. She is sorry to have missed the sports day fun but is very proud of all children and staff and their Steam Mills spirit, especially on such a warm day today!

## Federation

We have been careful to keep Steam Mills Primary and Woodside Primary School identities special and distinct, as this was part of our consultation process with stakeholders before we federated. So, although many things are aligned between the schools, such as the football tournaments and upcoming Y4 internet safety play, we have reinstated each school's expected trips and traditional end of year events and we do have different fundraising events. Your feedback is welcomed about this and we will consider all feedback for the next academic year. In the meantime, we hope all children and families enjoy the lovely events planned for the rest of term and thank you to all involved.

## Sports Day

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend Sports Day. It was hot but the children did so well and enjoyed being active and competing. We would also like to thank Prostars for putting together such a wonderful morning of events!

## Photo Orders – Class Photos

If you are not placing your order on-line, please return any paper order requests by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. They will be posted on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June in order to receive the photos back by the end of term.

## Sponsored Walk – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

The sponsored walk is a fundraising event for FoSM with proceeds ultimately going towards our annual Pantomime performance for the whole school. Details and sponsor forms were sent home on Monday. Please could you return as soon as possible and preferably before the walk with money collected. We plan to set off at 9:45am if you are intending to join us. This day will be **a packed lunch day only**; please do not order hot dinners even though that option will be on ParentPay (we are unable to remove). Thank you.

## Diary Dates

### June

- 22<sup>nd</sup> In the Net Y4's  
23<sup>rd</sup> Residential Trip  
Parents Meeting – 3:30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Dene Magna & Forest High Y7 Induction week  
C3&C3 Trip to Gloucester Mosque & Cathedral  
27<sup>th</sup> Reception Parents/Carers (Sep 2022) Meeting 5:00pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Whole School Bump up Morning & Rec Sept 22 children  
29<sup>th</sup> C2 Trip to Goodrich Castle.

### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> FoSM Non- uniform day – Tombola prizes for the Summer Fayre  
4<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Residential – South Cerney  
12<sup>th</sup> Leavers Play – matinee & evening  
13<sup>th</sup> Y5 Super Learning Day – Five Acres High  
14<sup>th</sup> Come & Play morning for Rec 2022 children  
15<sup>th</sup> FoSM Summer Fayre 4pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers Service  
20<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Walk - Last Day of Term  
21<sup>st</sup> Inset Training Day  
**September 2022**  
5<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 1

## FoSM

Friends of Steam Mills have put a call out for any small glass jars with lids please. They will be needed for the summer fayre. You can bring these to the school office. Thank you

### Residential Meeting for Parents – Thursday 23 June at 3:30pm

Mrs Thomas will be holding a meeting for all Class 4 parents/carers who would like to attend. She will be able to answer any question or queries you may have.

### Parent/Carer Meeting for Reception Sep 22

Our Early Years staff will be holding a meeting on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm** for parents/carers. There will be information about your child starting school in September and a pack handed out with forms that we need completing and returning before your child starts. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the school office. Thank you.

## Class Snippets

**Pre-school** – This week we have been very busy practising for Sports Day. We have kept cool with lots of water play and enjoyed a role-play trip to the beach!

**Class 1** – We have been making junk model rockets to finish off our space/transport topic.

**Class 2** – This week Class 2 have been learning about the Kings and Queens of England. We learnt about Queen Elizabeth I, Victoria and Elizabeth II. Class 2 were very surprised when they learnt that Queen Victoria had 9 children! We would also like to thank Mr Drewett as we had a lovely afternoon on Tuesday planting flowers to help wildlife.

**Class 3** - This week, Class 3 have visited Clearwell Caves and Hopewell Colliery to explore what mining would have been like in the past. The children experienced holding a 'billy' and saw a 'nelly' in action. They have also written diaries in the role of children working in the mines to compare life today to in the past.



**Class 4** – play rehearsals are well underway and the children are doing a great job learning their lines. The children have written some powerful speeches this week and have come up with some fantastic ideas for them to persuade their listeners to follow their cause! The children are very excited about their sports day and to represent their houses!



## Head Teacher Certificates



### Pre-school

**Lewis** – trying and enjoying new experiences.  
**Zia** – being very kind and caring to a new child.

### Class 1

**Alfie P** – excellent attitude to learning.  
**Annabelle** – fantastic work in maths.

### Class 2

**Sam** - for his positive attitude and always smiling.

**Minnie** - for being a wonderful part of Class 2.

### Class 3

**Evie** - Great questions in history and on the trip.

**Willow-Grace** - a positive attitude to trying new things

### Class 4

**Finley B** – for finding his inner Sergeant Major during play rehearsals.

**Luke** – for amazing commitment to the school leavers' play.

## **Planting**

A huge thank you to Mr Drewitt for obtaining a grant for the school to buy and plant 500 wildflower plug plants this week. Mr Drewitt has been working with the children to improve the school grounds and promote wildlife. There is now a 1m wildflower border around the school field and this will continue to develop flowers over the next few years, including:

Knapweed  
Field scabious  
Lady's bedstraw  
Sneezewort  
Meadow cranesbill  
Common sorrel  
Salad burnet  
Common violet  
Bird's foot trefoil  
Devil's bit scabious  
Oxeye daisy  
Viper's bugloss



He also tells us that there are a pair of house martins nesting under the apex outside Class 4.

## **Rights Respecting**

We have discussed the word 'dignity' in relation to treating everyone equally and with respect, again this week. It would be great to explore some British Values at home, with your child.

## **BeeZee Bodies – Gloucestershire**

BeeZee Bodies' free, monthly parent mail newsletter is attached to this newsletter. The latest BeeZee Families programme will be running in September. It is a FREE afterschool programme for children and their families (parents & siblings welcome).

## **SIM Card**

We have been handed a SIM card that was found on the playground. Please see Miss Agg if you are missing one.

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.