

Steam Mills Primary

21.05.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Photos

Tempest Photography were in school yesterday to take all the class photos and they took a selection of photos for our year 6 leavers. Unfortunately, they did not have their printer so the proofs will be to follow next week.

New Reception Parents – Sept 21

Just to remind Pre-school parents that there will be a Zoom meeting with Mrs Symonds on Monday 24th May at 1pm. All info has been sent via the 'Memo' tool on Tapestry.

Breakfast Club

Please could parents not bring in breakfast items for their children to eat. The school provides a choice of cereals or toast for all children attending. Thank you.

Free School Meals for the Half-term Holiday

This May half term, GCC are providing [Holiday Free School Meals \(FSM\)](#) again. The portal for parents and carers to sign up is open from 17th to 24th May here:

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/holiday-free-school-meal-application-form>

For more information and an accessibility-friendly leaflet, please follow the link below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/holiday-free-school-meals/>

Please note: this Holiday Free School Meal scheme is not the same scheme as the EdenRed vouchers provided by schools during term time. You will still need to register to this scheme to receive holiday vouchers for this May half term.

Celebration Assembly

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

Chloe and Nola in Class 4
Kaylan and Eva in Class 3
Mollie and Eva in Class 2
Lily and Isla in Class 1 and
Alfie and Winnie in Pre-school

Certificates were awarded for fantastic attributes again this week, including:

Diary Dates

May

24th New Reception Parent (Sept 2021) Zoom
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

Always trying hard, being a fabulous learning support and role model, having great answers during guided reading, being the best supportive partner, showing confident understanding of equal and unequal parts, showing great scientific investigative skills, writing full name with correct capital letters, wonderful learning, trying lots of new activities and caring for mini-beasts found in the garden.

Please remember

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.**

Summer Events

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