

# Steam Mills Primary

08.07.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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). You are welcome to order a school packed lunch and we will ensure your child has this at Beechenhurst for their lunch. Thank you.

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children must be collected from The Glade at Beechenhurst at 12:30pm** after they have eaten their packed lunch and they will finish school for the year. Please return your collection slip as soon as possible.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children have the option to walk back from The Glade or to be collected at 12:30pm and finish for the school year. Please return your collection slip if you are planning to collect your child.

**It is really important that the school is notified of your intentions in advance to maintain our Safeguarding.**  
**Class 1 and 2 - We are still missing lots of return slips.**

## 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.

## Cakes

Please could you send in donations of cakes for the summer fayre, these should be brought into school on the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

## Cinderford Library – Summer Reading Challenge

A representative from Cinderford Library will be visiting the school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July to talk to the children about this year's reading challenge. Please find attached information.

## Diary Dates

### July

- 12<sup>th</sup> Leavers Play – matinee (1:30pm) & evening (6:00pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y5 Super Learning Day – Five Acres High
- 14<sup>th</sup> Come & Play morning for Rec 2022 children (9:30am-11:45am)
- 15<sup>th</sup> FoSM Summer Fayre 4pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers Service 2pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Walk - Last Day of Term 9:45am – 12:30pm or 3:15pm

21<sup>st</sup> Inset Training Day

### September 2022

- 5<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 1

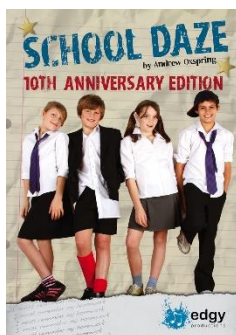
## Summer Reading Challenge 2022



**Presented by The Reading Agency.**  
**Delivered in partnership with libraries.**

## Leavers Plays

Extra tickets have now been released and sent home today. There are still a few seats (especially for the 1:30pm performance) if you would like extra tickets, please call Miss Agg and she can send home with your child on Monday.



Please ensure children arrive back at school for 5:30pm to prepare for the evening performance.

## Gym & Swim

Apologies, but due to leaver's events, Gymnastics and Swimming will unfortunately not be taking place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Gymnastics money will be refunded accordingly via ParentPay.

## Ice-cream Van

Thank you so much to FoSM for funding the Ice-cream visit to school on Wednesday. The children were so excited and enjoyed a relaxed time eating their ice-cream on the field.



## Head Teacher Certificates



### Pre-school

**Marley** – enjoying all aspects of Pre-school.

**Tate** – forming and tracing the letters of his name.

### Class 1

**Alfie B** – for his focus and engagement to his learning when building water defences, showing resilience and perseverance.

**Ariana** – for independently cutting up her own lunch and then offering to help her friends do theirs

### Class 2

**Bella** – for excellent sitting and listening this week.

**Blake** – being a great friend and helping others when they are upset.

### Class 3

**Lily** – great sawing technique in DT.

**Maeve** – Marvellous work at gymnastics.

### Class 4

**Jenson** – for climbing higher than he thought possible.

**Woody** – for overcoming his fears in the water and still smiling.

**William** – for finding his 'inner-brave' on the water.

## Relationship and Health Education

The school will be delivering sessions during w/c 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. You can find our school policy for your information here :

<https://www.steammillprimary.co.uk/website/policies/508742>

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the class teacher.

### **Class Snippets**

**Pre-school** – exploring magnets and forces. Through phonics and activities we have looked at alliteration. We have made sparkling starfish with dazzling diamonds. We also enjoyed the visit from the ice-cream van!

**Class 1** have been exploring pirates and seaside holidays through the ages. As a class we have been thinking about our own experiences of the seaside and the similarities and differences between the past and present.

**Class 2** – have been working hard this week to learn about life cycles of animals. They have also been creating fact files about animals of their choice. They have been researching the animals themselves and creating descriptions of them.

**Class 3** have had a very busy week! The children have made working mines using levers and pulleys. They even added real coal to their mine carts. They have also completed gymnastics sessions this week and developed some excellent skills in bar, bean and floor work. Finally, we performed ukulele in front of Classes 1 and 2. The children played 'Lava', 'In the jungle' and many other tunes. Well done- Class 3!

**Class 4** had a brilliant time on their Residential at South Cerney. They took part in raft building, team skills/games, kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, archery, bush craft, fire building and high ropes. They also learned some life-skills such as washing up, drying up, serving their own breakfast, lunch, dinners, cleaning and buttering their own toast. They said they are looking forward to using some of these life skills at home to help their parents' 😊



*We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Thomas, Mrs Warren and Mrs Beard for taking the time to take the children – without staff volunteering their time, it wouldn't be possible.*

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

If you require Breakfast Club and/or After School Club for the next school year, please could you complete **a new booking form**. I have attached to this newsletter, a copy of the Regular Booking Form and the Single Session Booking Form, these are also available from reception. If possible, please complete and return to Miss Agg before **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.



**Absence During Term Time Requests**

If you submit a form to take your child out of school during term time, please ensure that you have know the outcome of your application prior to the absence. Absence form requests are returned home in children's book bags, if you do not receive this, please call into the school office and Miss Agg can provide another copy for you.

The school attendance policy, available on our website, sets out the expectations for attendance for your child. If you are considering a holiday, please refer to this for information.

**ParentPay – End of School Year**

As we approach the end of the school year, please could parents/carers check their ParentPay accounts are clear. If your child is leaving the school and you require a balance refund of any unused credit, please contact Miss Agg.

**Contact/Personal Information**

Please could you ensure that all information that the school hold for your child and your family are up to date. If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please let us know as soon as possible. Many thanks

**Gloucestershire Families Magazine**

Here is the link (copy & paste) to the latest issue of Gloucestershire Families Magazine.

[Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#)

This summer issue is full of great stuff for families including Low Cost Summer Fun, New School Year Resources, Free Printable activities, Crafty Summer Fun Projects, No-Screen Summer Activities and much more.

**Gloucestershire Cheerleading Academy**

Gloucestershire Cheerleading Academy have a Summer Camp during the holidays that may be of interest to your children. Please find attached flyer.

*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.*