

# Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Rags to Riches

Our next collection is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. Please do keep us in mind if you are having a sort out. Please place items in bags and bring to school on the morning, first-thing as the collection is usually 9:15 am. Acceptable items are listed here; [What We Collect - Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools](#) Thank you.

## C3 & C4 trip Gloucester Mosque & Cathedral - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jun

We are unfortunately unable to change the date of the trip on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please would parents of Y6 children transitioning to Dene Magna and Forest High School contact Miss Agg to inform if they will be attending the Y6 induction days or have decided to go on the trip. A refund of monies will then be arranged, if necessary.

## Class Snippets

**Pre-school** - This week the children have enjoyed water play using guttering and syringes, exploring capacity by pouring, filling and emptying. There was lots of problem solving too, transferring the water from tray to tray. A few children also created their own 'see-saws' using tyres and wooden planks.

**Class 1** - This week we have been making Fruit Smoothies to help us with our writing in English (writing lists and instructions) and for Maths, we will be making fruit kebabs as we look at number bonds of 5.

**Class 2** – This week we have been exploring the features of a medieval castle, such as the keep, the drawbridge and a portcullis. We have been discussing why castles needed these features and Class 2 decided they were used for protection. We will be continuing to look at why castles were built and who lived in them for the rest of the term.

**Class 3** - This week, we have developed batting skills in rounders and the children played a game of caterpillar cricket. Children have also been working on adding money in Y3 and converting between pounds and pence in Y4.

**Class 4** - Staff are incredibly proud of Class 4 this week. The Year 6s have worked very hard on their SATs the last few days and no matter what their results are, they have been fabulous and no test can measure that! As Nelson Mandela said, "It always seems impossible until it's done." Well done Year 6!

## Diary Dates

### May

- 17<sup>th</sup> Rags2Riches collection
- Reception and Year 6 NHS Screening
- 26<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term
- Jubilee Celebrations
- FoSM Non-school Uniform Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day
- Bowling Club open sessions – children welcome from 3pm

### June

- 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 6
- 7<sup>th</sup> Class 3 start
- Gymnastics
- 15<sup>th</sup> C3 Trip to Clearwell Caves & Hopewell Colliery
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sports Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Walk
- 27<sup>th</sup> C3&C3 Trip to Gloucester Mosque & Cathedral

### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> FoSM Non- uniform day
- 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
- 15<sup>th</sup> FoSM Summer Fayre 4pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term – FoSM Non-uniform Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Inset Training Day

The Year 5s have all adapted brilliantly to working in the hall, in support of them, and have produced some great project work based on the Ancient Maya.

### Stranger Danger

Just to remind parents/carers to think about stranger danger when their children are out and about and to please report any unusual/suspicious behaviour.



### Rights Respecting

Article 6- The right to live and live to full potential. In assembly, children spoke about the difference between needs and wants. They thought about the things they need to live such as water, food, clean air, education, shelter etc. Children also thought about where children might find it difficult to access these needs such as no access to clean water if there was a drought.

### School Council

As part of our Rights Respecting, we have been busy formulating a School Council and voting for our class representatives:

**Pre-school** – Maddison and Marley

**Class 1** – Dexter and Emmie

**Class 2** – Luca and Betsy

**Class 3** – Evie and Eva

**Class 4** - Caydi and Willow.

The first School Council meeting took place yesterday and topics under discussion are: school grounds (more flowerbeds), supporting different charities, raising awareness of different cultures and religions.

### 1st Ruardean Hill Brownies

We would love to hear from any girls aged between 7 and 11 if they are interested in joining our group.

Running every Wednesday evening 6:00-7.30pm at Woodside School during term time. Girls aged between 7 - 11 years welcome.

Please contact Gina Matthews on 01594369605 or register on the Girl Guiding Website - [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter)

### Free School Meals – May Half Term Break

We would like to make you aware of the free school meal voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families of Gloucestershire.

This May 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 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

★**Head Teacher Certificates**★

**Pre-school**  
**Luca** - Fantastic concentration during Dough disco.  
**Calypso** - Great imagination in role-play with her friends

**Class 1**  
**Alfie** – Being more independent especially during PE.  
**Isla** – Working very hard on her writing.

**Class 2**  
**Molly** – Giving everything a good go!  
**Bella** - Great following instructions.

**Class 3**  
**Isabelle**- Great complex sentences.  
**Toby**- Excellent complex sentences.

**Class 4**  
All of Year 6 for a great SATS week!

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 May half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

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.

For parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please ask them to contact us so we can update their amount, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the May half term period is now open until the 24th May. Voucher emails will be sent out between 25th and 26th May. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers please contact with us by emailing [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk)<<mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk>> with the following details:

- \* Full name
- \* If you received any vouchers for the holiday and if so, how much.
- \* When you originally signed up for the scheme
- \* The email that you signed up to the scheme with
- \* Eligible child(ren)'s
  - \* Name
  - \* School year they are in
  - \* School they attend.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already, please visit our website: the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on<<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/?msclkid=192e0c5acf9b11eca8734a25a47c2046>> our website. Alternative link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/?msclkid=192e0c5acf9b11eca8734a25a47c2046>

### **Prostars – Half Term Club**

With May half term just around the corner, Prostars are delighted to announce their confirmed venue for a half term kid's club camps. They are running at Dene Magna Secondary School, which is not far from Steam Mills. Please see the attached information.

### **BeeZee Bodies**

Please find attached the latest BeeZee Bodie's parent mail newsletter, which contains some free resources, including fun recipes, health advice and top tips that families can enjoy.

### **Our latest BeeZee Families programme will be running in May. It is a FREE afterschool programme for children and their families (parents & siblings welcome).**

The programmes are running for 11 weeks in the Forest of Dean and Gloucester. We work with families and their children who are over the healthy weight range to set personal and realistic goals, including healthy snacking, portion sizes, labelling and fussy eating. The children have a great time in our classroom activities and the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour there is a chance to learn new skills in our physical activity sessions with a qualified sports coach.

We also have a range of other services in Gloucestershire depending on each family's lifestyle - here is a reminder:

**BeeZee Lite:** Sign up to a FREE 1-hour session with a Nutritionist to talk about your family and the changes you want to make. Leave with a robust plan on how to make easy, healthy changes.  
**BeeZee Live:** A FREE virtual weekly session for 10 weeks, delivered by trained Nutritionists covering making healthy changes in a fun and engaging way for the whole family. No one can see you and you don't have to speak, just type into the chat bar. Simple!

Professionals (including Teachers) and families can go online to [www.beezeebodies.com](http://www.beezeebodies.com), click "For Families" or "Professionals", as appropriate, select Gloucestershire and fill in some simple details and our referral team will be in touch to suggest the best programme.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school. It is advisable to contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Best Wishes  
Mrs Davis