

Steam Mills Primary

11.02.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder – Friday 18th February

This is the last day of term and as such, it is our FoSM Non-school uniform day. Please remember to donate £1 to Friends of Steam Mills to go towards future events.

Bikeability Cycle Training

Year 6 Bikeability is booked for w/c 28th February. Last call for permission slips today if your child would like to take part.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a virtual visit from best-selling author, Sarah Oliver. The children are also welcome to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

National Storytelling Week

Last week, was National Storytelling Week. Children shared a favourite story from each class. These included:

The Smartest Giant- **Pre-school**- This story was all about kindness.

Room on the Broom- **Class 1**- Children loved the rhyming patterns.

Mr Big- **Class 2**- This story was all about including others, even if they are different to you.

Lights on Cotton Rock- **Class 3**- The children loved the illustrations and the themes of family and friendship.

Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets- **Class 4**- The children were amazed by the detailed illustrations in this book.

It was lovely to see children so inspired about the books shared and it generated lots of great book discussion.

Rights Respecting

Safer Internet Day- Article 31- The right to relax and play.

Article 19- The right to have protection from harm and the importance of dignity and respect.

Safer Internet day is celebrated every February and highlights the importance of keeping safe online and the positive use of technology.

It would be great to discuss how children can stay safe online, together at home with your child/ren.

Diary Dates

February

18th Last day of Term 3
– FoSM Non-school
Uniform Day

28th Start of Term 4
Year 6 Bikeability

March

1st Class 4 start
Gymnastics

3rd World Book Day –
dress as favourite
character from a
book

22nd Parents Evenings

23rd Y1/2 Trip to
Slimbridge
Wetland Centre

29th Parents Evenings

April

8th Last day of Term 4
– FoSM Non-school
Uniform Day

25th Start of Term 5

26th Class 4 start
swimming

May

9th-12th KS2 SATS

13th Tempest Class
Photos & Leavers
Photos

17th Rags2Riches
collection
Reception and
Year 6 NHS
Screening

26th FoSM Non-school
Uniform Day

27th Inset Training Day
Bowling Club open
sessions – children
welcome from
3pm

June

6th Start of Term 6

7th Class 3 start
Gymnastics

July

4th&6th Y5/6 Residential –
South Cerney

Home-Start, North & West Gloucestershire

Home-Start is very active in the Forest of Dean area, providing group and home visiting support to local families. We need to recruit more volunteers in order to meet the demand for our support. Please see attached flyer.

Tax-free Childcare

Attached to this newsletter is information about how to access Tax-Free Childcare.

You can use it to pay for childcare including:

- childminders, nurseries and nannies
- play schemes, before and after school clubs, and holiday clubs

You need to be working at least 16 hours a week, earning at least the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage. This includes being:

- self-employed

- on maternity or parental leave
- on sick leave or annual leave.

Each parent or carer can earn up to £100,000 per year and still be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare. Your eligibility doesn't depend on how much tax you pay, so it won't affect your income tax liability or any other tax, like VAT. You can't claim Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit

Have a wonderful weekend - 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



Head Teacher Certificates



Pre-school

Marley – Forming the letter M to label her work.

Class 1

Isla C – For working really hard in reading.

Ariana – Trying her best in everything.

Class 2

Harry – For being a great friend.

Betsy – For beautiful independent writing.

Class 3

Rhys – Good sense of rhythm in music.

Eva – Lovely presentation in her work.

Class 4

David – Improved engagement in Maths.

Isla K – Engaging so well with on-line learning.