

Steam Mills Primary

03.03.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Evenings

We are offering face-to-face parents' evenings at school again in the school hall; appointments can be booked via eSchools from 4pm on Friday 4th March. If you would prefer a phone call appointment, that can be arranged. Please book an appointment on eSchools in the usual way and let Miss Agg know that you would like it to be by telephone. Please also let us know if you are experiencing any issues with eSchools.

Classes 1-4 Tuesday 22nd March - 3:30pm-6:20pm
Tuesday 29th March - 3:30pm-6:20pm

Pre-school parents' evenings will take place on different days and are bookable via Kelly and Laura at Pre-school. All meetings will take place in the Pre-school building.

Pre-school Monday 28th March – 3:30pm-4:50pm
Wednesday 30th - 3:30pm- 4:50pm

We are aware that some people are cautious of mingling, so to be mindful of all and please limit your time on site in the following way:

- Please arrive just before your appointment time.
- Your class teacher will have your child's books to show you.
- Your appointment will be for 10 minutes; you can look through the books afterwards and leave them in the library when you leave. Please look out for signs as to where to leave the books.
- If you would like to speak to Miss Barber (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) or Mrs Davis (Executive Head Teacher), please mention this to the class teacher during your appointment.

We look forward to seeing you.

Living with Covid

As communicated earlier this week, please continue to be vigilant to symptoms and book a PCR test for your child if they are symptomatic; isolate until the PCR result is returned; if positive, isolate for at least 5 days and up to 10 days until LFTs show negative. Now that we are moving to 'living with Covid', the guidance is to cease sending the 'warn and inform' letters for individual cases. We will contact parents of medically vulnerable children though. Warn and inform letters will be sent if outbreak thresholds are met. If this change causes you any worry, please contact us with any queries and we will respond to your feedback.

Diary Dates

March

18th Red Nose Day
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

Class 1 Update

We look forward to welcoming Miss Martin as Class 1 teacher after Easter. She will be visiting the class and meeting Mrs Symonds to ensure a smooth transition and looks forward to meeting parents too.

World Book Day

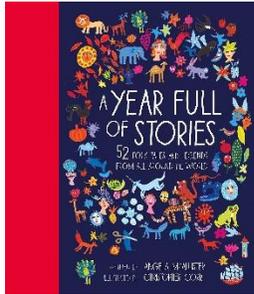
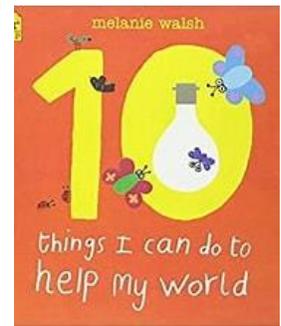
What a wonderful day yesterday, meeting all the amazing characters for World Book Day. The children also really enjoyed the virtual visit from our selected author – Sarah Oliver. Here are photos from each class:



Class Snippets

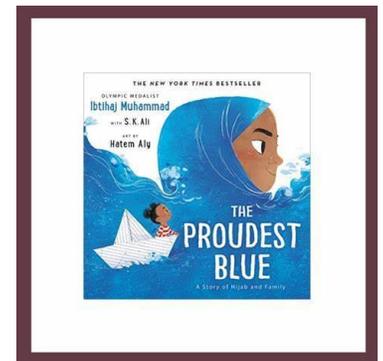
Pre-school: Children have been learning about recycling and sea pollution! They are very keen recyclers, especially at lunchtime, with Michael Recycle helping them. They love exploring the outdoor areas and are looking out for signs of spring.

Class 1: Children have been reading 'Ten Things I can Do to Help My World.' They have thought of ten things that we can do to help at Steam Mills, including saving water and electricity. Well done everyone!



Class 2: This week, Class 2 have been reading some stories from the A Year Full of Stories book. We read the German story of the Runaway Pancake on Shrove Tuesday, Class 2 enjoyed this story and we discussed how different countries have different stories that they tell their children. This book allows us to share stories from around the world and compare them to our own stories. We will continue to share different stories from this book across the year and think about our place in the world.

Class 3: Virtual Viking session - the children learnt all about cures and medicines from the Viking period. They also got to ask the Viking many questions. Children were beautifully behaved and engaged very well. They are exploring The Proudest Blue story, about a little girl wearing her hijab for the first time.



Class 4: Year 6 children have been very resilient in their bikeability lessons, especially in this weather! The class were very well behaved in their first gymnastics lesson. They have read 'There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom' and are learning about South America and palm oil issues.

Parent Governor

Thank you to Peter Greenwood (Father of Pre-school & Reception children) on his appointment as new parent governor. The complete federated Governing Body will be appointed on 14th March and information will follow.

Pre-school Places

We currently have places available in our Pre-school setting on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please get in touch if you have a child who is about to turn 3 and we can book you in for a taster day.

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)

Please find attached a flyer, which explains about the very important work that Mrs Wedley is carrying out at Steam Mills.

Rights Respecting

This Thursday, was World Book Day and children enjoyed many activities, including meeting the author, Sarah Oliver. This year, celebrated 25 years of WBD. Book tokens have been issued to children to swap for a £1 book in many supermarkets and bookshops.

Article 17- Children have the right to access information from many sources, including non-fiction books. It would be great to explore the features of non-fiction books at home.

Article 27 – Children have the right to food, clothing and a safe home – Red Nose Day fundraising.

Article 29- Education should develop talent and personality. Children were inspired by the activities they have engaged with during the author videos and dressing up as favourite characters.

Article 31- The right to relax and play. Children all enjoy listening to class books at the end of a day.

Ukraine

Children have been discussing how they can help support people from Ukraine during this difficult time, through Rights Respecting. They have identified that there are many rights that children may not be able to access and came up with many wonderful ideas to support by raising money.

Next Friday (11th March), we will be holding a cake sale in school for children to buy a cake during playtime. We will be looking for donations of individual cakes to sell. Please can donations be sent into classes on Friday 11th March in the morning, on a disposable plate and covered with foil or cling film. Cakes will be distributed around each class and any left at the end of the day will be on sale in the kitchen.

Cakes will be sold for 50p each and all money raised will be sent to the British Red Cross appeal. Many thanks
Mrs Gibbs

Pre-school Parking and Gate

Please could all parents using the Pre-school setting park in the main car park. We have to lock the KS1 (double green gate) at 9:00am and are conscious that we are doing this when some pre-school parents may be parked adjacent to the main road and still on site.

Look Closer

Our Schoolbeat Officer from Gloucestershire Constabulary has forwarded the attached information regarding the #Look Closer campaign about Child exploitation.



Head Teacher Certificates



Pre-school
Tate – development in his fine motor skills.

Class 1
Billy – having the best week ever, super learning and listening.
Elora – learning all of her tricky words.

Class 2
Minnie – a great attitude to learning in math.
Xander – being brave when coming into school.

Class 3
Cadi - excellent use of formal multiplication.
Corey - great use of column addition.

Class 4
Willow – doing a great job demonstrating in Gymnastics.
Oscar – persevering in maths when doing division.

Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. Children are invited to dress as a Super hero or even someone who they feel is their own personal hero. The other option would be to wear something red. A donation of £1 per child is requested please. We are also selling Red Noses from Monday 14th March, which are £1.50 each, sales will be limited to 1 per child initially and on Friday 18th, we will open this up to more, if there are any left unsold.



Wildcats Football

Please find attached flyer from Prostars. The Football Association has created Wildcats, a great initiative designed to inspire girls aged between 5-11 to get involved in football. Wildcats Girls Football Clubs provides girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

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