



Steam Mills Primary

11.10.2024



Dear Parents/Carers

School Start Time

Please could Parents/Carers ensure their child is in school at **8:45am** each morning ready to start their learning. There are regular children arriving late at school each day and this is not only disruptive to your own child's learning but the learning within the class as a whole. Thank you.



Drop & Go

Due to safeguarding concerns and our responsibility to all children; please could parents refrain from making arrangements with other parents to look after children who have used the Drop & Go service before school starts. All children that use this service must stay with Mrs Dickinson and she will then send them around to the class door at 8:45am to go into school. Thank you

Tempest Photos

A reminder from Tempest Photography:

Dear Parents,

*Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 15th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). Many thanks,*

Parents Evening –Tuesday 15th October

We are holding our last Parents Evenings on Tuesday 15th October. Bookings for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are made via our eSchools system which is still open for booking. The meetings are in 10 minute slots, please adhere to this time limit. Please let Miss Agg (school office) know if you would also like to see Miss Barber (SENCO) and she will book this for you. If you have any issues booking for your child/ren, please contact Miss Agg for assistance.

Pre-school Parents Evenings will be on the same days and bookings can be made with the Pre-school staff.

Second-hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 16th October

The school will be holding a second-hand uniform sale of **Wednesday 16th October** from 3pm, until 4pm. All items will be £1 each and proceeds go to FoSM. If you need any extra uniform, please do come along!

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September-20th December

Half Term

28th October-1st November

Spring term 2025

6th January-11th April

Half Term

17th-21st February

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

Half Term

26th May - 30th May

INSET days:

25th October, 6th January, 11th April and 21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation October activities)

15th Parents Evenings

Y1/Y2 to Woodside for
Autumn Activities

16th Second Hand Uniform Sale

22nd Reading Café – everyone welcome

24th Harvest Festival Collection/
Non-school Uniform Day

25th Inset Training Day
End of Term 1

November

4th Start of Term 2

12th Class 4 Trip to Bletchley Park

14th Reading Café by invite only

15th Children in Need – wear something spotty
Teams 4 U Shoebox collection

December

4th Whole school Panto

9th KS1 Christmas Play Rehearsal

10th Pre-school trip to Christmas Show

11th KS1 Christmas Play
Performances for parents
9:30am and 5:00pm

12th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

19th Christmas Parties

20th Carol Service & End of Term 2

January

6th Inset Training Day

7th Start of Term

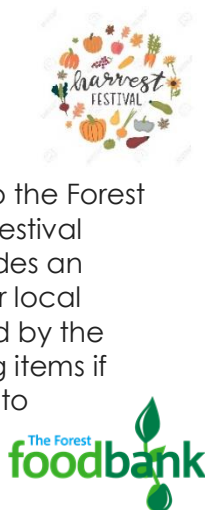
22nd Rags 2 Riches Collection

Xmas for Schools – Monday 21st October deadline

The children should have brought Christmas pictures home and parents/carers are able to return the order form to order items with their child's very own design. The return date is **Monday 21st October**. You can find out more information about this scheme here : <https://xmas4schools.co.uk/>

Harvest Festival Collection and Non-School Uniform Day – Thursday 24th October 2024

We are making this day a non-school uniform day and we are again collecting donated items to the Forest Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival celebration. The Foodbank provides an important lifeline to so many in our local community. We have been asked by the Foodbank to request the following items if possible, which can be handed into reception or the class teacher:



fruit juice, Smash, sponge puddings, jelly, Angel Delight, jam, packet soup, instant noodles, multipack crisps, UHT milk. Toiletries and household products such as washing powder and washing up liquid. Thank you!

The children will be having an assembly with Forest Foodbank on Thursday 24th October to explain what they do and how we can help as well as singing Harvest songs with Mrs Evans. **Article 24- the right to nutritious food**

Teams 4 U

The school is taking part in the Teams 4 U shoebox charity collection once again this year. All children should have brought home a leaflet which gives all the information needed. The charity is happy to accept complete shoebox donations or separate items that would be suitable. Please could all donations be handed in by **Thursday 14th November 2024**. You can find more information here: <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>
Thank you



Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)

Pre-School -this week at Pre-School we have been focussing a lot on ourselves and our families. We have looked at our features using a mirror and have painted the most beautiful self-portraits. We have also talked about who lives in our house with us and have drawn our families and pets! The children have created hand print tree's and used finger painting to add the leaves. We have played outdoors on the bikes and scooters, built a train track altogether and took part in our Wednesday morning music session where we met Charlie the Cello. Our sound has been i and our number has been 5.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Reggie - for being so kind to his peers, including everyone in his play.

Fern - for settling into Pre-School really well, becoming more confident.

Nori - for coming back to Pre-School confident and happy, forming lovely friendships.

Class 1

Benjamin, Willow & Rosie: for always tidying up when asked.

Star Readers:

Rosie, Benjamin, Riley, Oak, Lockie & Joseph

Class 2

Isla - wonderful use of ambitious vocabulary.

Joules - amazing attitude to learning, trying your best with everything you do.

Star Readers:

Elodie & Theo

Class 3

Khloe - for listening well and trying her best to produce excellent writing.

Caiflin - for finding her 'brave' to enjoy swimming lessons.

Class 4

Arthur - for great expression when performing in poetry.

Amelia - for a brilliant diary entry.

Class 1 – busy week for the children in Class 1 as we have started writing in our English books for our book, 'I am Henry Finch'. The children have written about their feelings and have offered advice on how to un-muddle our thoughts. In phonics we have learnt 'o,c,k,ck' and 'to, into, go, no, the' as this week's HFW's. Our topic has been about heroes and we have been looking at heroes of the community and our own personal heroes in our lives.

Class 2 – this week we have been continuing to work on Lubna and Pebble. We have been focusing on verbs and creating short sentences to advise what we can do when we are sad. The children also showed some great sequencing skills. The Y1s have learnt l-e, e-e and o-e in phonics, while the year 2s have looked at homophones. In maths, both year groups have been looking at 2D shapes this week. The children also enjoyed trying food from around the 4 countries of the UK on Tuesday afternoon - I'm sure you have been told about this lesson!

Class 3 have been working hard in maths this week. The Y4 children have moved onto work on properties of triangles and have made different types of triangles in groups, using string. The Y4 children have amazed me with their work on comparing and ordering 3-digit numbers. In writing, they have learnt about compound sentences and made warning posters about aliens! They continue to impress me weekly with their progress at swimming and increased water confidence.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

Class 3 had a fantastic trip to the literature festival last week with Soudley and Woodside Schools on their Federation Trip. They heard from the author Ben Miller, who also appeared in Paddington 2! They learnt about what inspired him to write, listened to an extract from his new book and asked him some questions. Harper asked an excellent question! The children were a pleasure to take and represented the school incredibly well.



Class 4 have made some brilliant progress in DT with their Morse code machines this week! They have enjoyed joining creativity with science to bring their ideas to life. During English, we have explored newspaper reports and their features including creating our own quotes based on our class book in preparation for writing their own newspaper reports. Year 5 have been applying their mathematical knowledge of negative numbers to real world situations such as temperature changes. Year 6 have been looking at factors and multiples this week moving on to an investigation in to what all the prime numbers up to 100 are! They have all worked hard this week and shown a great level of not only understanding but ability to apply previous knowledge to current learning.

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.

Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website

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Half Term Activity Camp

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st November

Prices Starting From **£25.00** PER DAY

Bookings: prostars.ipalbookings.com

Ashfield Park Primary School (ROW)	St White's Primary (Cinderford)	Primrose Hill Primary (Lydney)
Naunton Park Primary School (Cheltenham)	Berry Hill Primary School (Coleford)	Picklenash Junior School (Newent)

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WHAT'S ON AT PROSTARS?

M-M-M-MUMMIES!!!
It is for Monday and MUMMIES! Get ready to be mummified in some terrifying team games! Be the first to dress your mummy the quickest to win!

T MOVING AT THE SPEED OF...ZOMBIES
From zombies tag to Doctors ant-a-ode, come and join us for a day full of Zombie-nific games... It's a NO-BRAINER!

W WICKED WITCHES
Get ready to use your imagination as Wednesday you'll be flying around on foam jawzies... I mean broomsticks trying to win against the other witches in all different kinds of races!

T TRICK OR TREAT!
It's Halloween, come dressed up in your spooky outfit ready for some scary good fun activities and craft!

F AUTUMN SCAVENGER HUNT
With all the fun and excitement of Halloween over, join us as we go on a Scavenger Hunt to find out what's beneath the fallen leaves. Be prepared to get your hands dirty!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM PROSTARS!!

Kids clobber sale

(Toys & clothes)

at Drybrook Memorial Hall

On Saturday 12th October 2024

At 12-2pm



GANDI UNLIMITED Presenting

Drybrook Youth Club

EVERY TUESDAY
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
AGE 9+

BAKING / CRAFTS | HANG OUT | CHAT / MAKE FRIENDS
MOVIE NIGHTS | GAMES | WORKSHOPS

WEEKLY SNACK SHOP OPEN!

METHODIST CHURCH HALL
HAWTHORNS ROAD
DRYBROOK, GL17 9BX

cpc@candi.email

GANDI UNLIMITED

DANCE

Every Wednesday

-5:00pm - 6:00pm-
Drybrook Social Club,
Drybrook Rd, Drybrook GL17 9JA

-6:15pm - 7:15pm-
Oaklands,
Foxes Bridge Rd, Forest Vale Industrial
Estate, Cinderford GL14 2PQ

Join our fun and exciting dance classes for young people!

Build confidence, make friends, and learn new moves every week.

All levels welcome - Let's dance together!

Ages 8 - 16

£4.00 Per Session

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HALLOWEEN Half Term

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER - CANDI CAFE - SPOOKY MILKSHAKE MONDAY - 11:00AM - 2:00PM

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER - LEGO CAFE 11:30AM - 1:00PM

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - CANDI CAFE - SPOOKY MILKSHAKE MONDAY - 11:00AM - 2:00PM

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER - HALLOWEEN ARTS AND CRAFTS
SESSION 1 - 10:00AM - 12:00PM
SESSION 2 - 1:00PM - 3:00PM

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER - LEGO CAFE 11:30AM - 1:00PM

LUNCH MENU INCLUDING: TOASTIES, JACKET POTATOES AND Cakes

TEA, COFFEE AND MILKSHAKES

31 MARKET STREET,
CINDERFORD GL14 2RT
cpc@candi.email

Get ready to party at our annual Halloween disco!!!

HALLOWEEN

26th October 2024

6pm-8pm Dick Whittington Park, GL17 0PH

BEST DRESSED PRIZES TO BE WON

£10 a child Booking essential, ticket includes entry, disco, party bag and a choice of hotdog or tomato pasta

info@dictwhittingtonpark.co.uk
01452 831000

PLAY Gloucestershire

PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

October Half Term
The Recreation Ground,
Ruspidge, GL14 3AE
10am - 4pm
Tuesday 29th October

With thanks to Cllr Morgan who funded this session with Build Back Better Funding

Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

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