



Steam Mills Primary

10.05.2024



Dear Parents and Carers

School Lunches

If your child requires school lunches next week, please check now that you have ordered them on Parentpay. We have a 48 hr cut-off for all orders. Thank you.

URGENT - FoSM Sponsored Walk

There are still 71 slips to be returned! If you have not returned your slip, please do so on Monday or phone/email Miss Agg to inform who will be collecting your child on Thursday 23rd May from Beechenhurst at approx. 12:30pm. **This information is vital for our safeguarding arrangements.** Forestry England have confirmed there is a grace period for parking charges of 10 minutes, if you are going to be longer when collecting your child from The Glade area, charges will apply and just to warn you there is now camera identification systems at the site.

Reception parents/carers also need to inform the school whether their child will be walking, who will be accompanying them or if your child is remaining in school for the day. Please could sponsor money be handed in by Friday 21st June, it does not need to be handed in before the walk. Thank you

Pre-school children and any Reception children not taking part, will need a packed lunch from home on this day as there will be no lunch provision at school and a full day at school is expected for these children. A reminder that there is no After School Club on this day. Thank you.

Sun Hats/Sun-cream

Now that we have some lovely sunshine and warmer weather, please could children bring a sun hat to school each day. Children will also need sun-cream, this ideally should be applied before school and can be put in your child's bag if you feel they will need to top up at lunchtime. Thank you.



Rags 2 Riches Collection

Our next collection is on **Monday 13th May**. If you are having a spring clean and a sort out, please bear us in mind. The school receives a donation from Rags 2 Riches per Kilo of material donated. A collection bag is being sent home with children today. Rags 2 Riches accept; adults, children's & babies clothing, paired shoes and footwear, jewellery and accessories, belts and handbags.

Please leave all bags in the playground, opposite the main gate on Monday 13th May, between 7:45am and 9:15am. Thank you

Term Dates 2023-24

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

Half Term: 27th—31st May

INSET days:

24th May and

22nd July

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

May

13th Rags2Riches collection

22nd FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Tombola prizes

23rd Sponsored Walk
End of Term 5

24th Inset Training Day

June

3rd Start of Term 6

4th Class 3 Gymnastics starting

7th FoSM Summer Fayre Meeting

14th Sports Day morning

19th Reading Café – 3:15pm

20th Y3/4 Federation Trip

21st FoSM Non-school uniform day – Jingle Jars

Girls Football Five Acres

28th Football at Five Acres

FoSM Summer Fayre

July

2nd Five Acres Taster Day for Y6

3rd C4 Residential

5th

11th School Discos

15th Reports week

16th Leavers Performances –
9:30am and 5:00pm

19th Last Day for children

22nd Inset Training Day



FoSM Summer Fayre/Non-school Uniform Day

There will be a non-school uniform day on **Wednesday 22nd May**. Please could all children bring in a Tombola prize as a donation to the Summer Fayre.

Preschool, Class 1 and Class 2

Please could we ask that parents/carers supervise their children at all times before and after school. Children have been informed of the rules but we are asking parents/carers to support the school in this please.

- Children from Pre-school should not be accessing the Class 1 outdoor area to play whilst waiting for Pre-school to open.
- Class 1/2 play equipment is not for use before and after school.
- Children should not be accessing the school play fort before or after school.



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 – What a lovely sunny week at Pre-School. We have been making the most of the sunshine outside playing in our sand pit, mud kitchen, builders' yard and on the bikes and scooters. We have been talking about plants and how to grow and care for them and next week we are going to plant our own seeds. We have also done painting inside and outside, large scale drawing, tea parties and train track building. Our number this week has been 10 and our sound has been T.

Class 1 – short but sweet week for Class 1. We have been writing instructions for children who will be starting school in September and have been writing advice to the character of our story. In phonics, Reception have been reading a story of The Little Hen as a group and our HFW's are 'time, out, house, about'. In Maths we have been making number tracks using the carpet tiles and collectively we made one all the way to 24.

All of the children had a wonderful time on our trip Wednesday. They all demonstrated how sensible they could be and they all used their listening ears for the whole day, showing the other guests of Goodrich Castle and Beechenhurst how wonderful they are. We had a great time exploring the castle, looking for the different features, and we even explored the dark dungeon. A couple of Year 1's were super brave and also climbed their way to the Keep.



**Star of the Week Certificates**

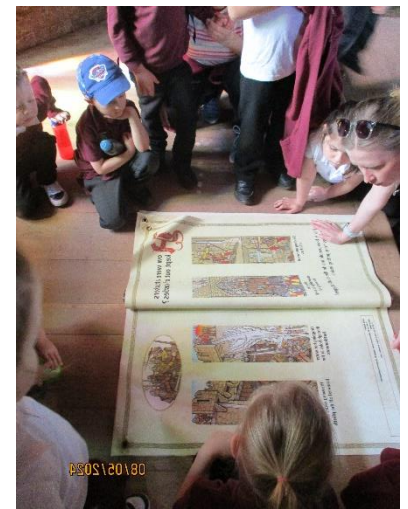
Pre-school
Rosie - for her creativity and ideas.
Nori - for settling really well into Pre-School.

Class 1
George - for settling in beautifully to Class 1.
Calypso - for her attitude towards her writing.

Class 2
Brody - fabulous maths work.
Maddie and Emmie - beautiful drawing of Goodrich Castle.

Class 3
Isla C - great work on column subtraction to find change.
Arthur - great explanation on dividing by 10 and 100.

Class 4
Oscar - fantastic teamwork in science.
Matei - 100% effort in maths.



Class 2 – this week has been soooooo busy in Class 2! On Tuesday we spent the morning thinking about what land features were near Goodrich Castle and why the castle would have been built in Goodrich. The children noticed a river, hill and a forest near it and made some wonderful suggestions as to why this place was chosen. On Wednesday we had a fantastic day at Goodrich Castle and Beechenhurst. In the morning, we explored the whole of the castle and many of us climbed to the top of the keep. In the afternoon, the children had a well-earned play at Beechenhurst and then we became trainee woodland artists. We explored colour, texture and shape with natural materials; the children created some beautiful final pieces of work too! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who supported our trip, we could not have done it without you! On Thursday morning, the children wrote a recount of their trip to Goodrich for the end of our history topic.



Class 3 - have had a brilliant week. They have been observing their plants to see which ones are growing well. We have noticed that some have started to go crispy and droop. In maths Y3 children have moved onto fractions are working very well using bar models to show parts of the whole. Y4 children have amazed me with their understanding of comparing and ordering decimals with 2 decimal places. The sun was shining on Tuesday, when we did rounders and the children did some amazing batting and fielding. Please remember sun-cream/hats in the sunnier weather, as we will be outside.

Class 4 - what a lovely sunny week we have had! Class 4 have enjoyed the good weather with their yoga lesson yesterday being outside and Miss Barber took them outside during English to role play and freeze frame their prequel/sequel ideas. Science lessons this week have been about testing insulators and conductors of heat. This experiment was very interesting for the children and they have been excited to share their new knowledge.

The year 6's have been working hard on the lead up to SATs, we are very proud of them and wish them lots of luck next week! You've got this! 😊

Relationships & Health Education Lessons

Relationships and Health Education lessons will be taking place in the summer term. If you would like to find out more information, you can check the Relationships and Health Education Policy available on the school website.

[Steam Mills Primary School - Policies](#)

Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine May/June 2024](#) for you.

The **May/June 2024** issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- Learn about time activity book Free downloadable
- Mega-machines Dump Truck giveaway
- Kids' party food recipes
- Active family adventures
- Father's Day Surprises
- Top family camping and glamping
- and much more.....



The poster for the Prostars May Half Term Holiday Club features a blue background with a white dotted pattern. At the top center is the Prostars logo, which includes a star and the text 'prostars'. Below the logo, the text 'MAY HALF TERM' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and 'Holiday Club' is in a white, cursive font. A laurel wreath frames the text. Below the text are six circular images showing children engaged in various activities: playing in a park, running, playing a game, sitting at a table, and playing darts. To the left of the images, the word 'VENUES' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by a list of venues: 'Primrose Hill, Lydney', 'St White's, Cinderford', 'Ashfield Park, Ross', 'Finlay School, Glos', and 'Picklenash, Newent'. To the right of the venues, the dates '28TH - 31ST MAY' and the time '8:30am - 4:30pm' are in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below the time, the text 'From £22.50 per day' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the time and date, a white circle contains the text 'Packed full of popular and seasonally themed sports, games and craft activities'. At the bottom of the poster, the website 'Prostars.ipalbookings.com' and the email 'Info@prostars-fse.com' are in a white, sans-serif font.

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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