

Steam Mills Primary

18.03.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Federated Governing Body

The first federated Governing Body meeting took place on Monday 14th March. This was the first face-to face meeting in two years and it was lovely to meet in person instead of virtually. It was a great opportunity to say thank you to Governors from Steam Mills and Woodside Primary for all their hard work, particularly over the past two years. We are very grateful for all their support and their work as 'critical friends'.

Huge thanks are extended to Mrs Alison Davis and Mrs George Lewis for chairing the two separate bodies for a significant amount of time; their involvement has been invaluable. Both would like to step back from the role of Chair and we are all delighted that Mr Dave Wildin is willing to take on this role.

We are very fortunate to have such experienced Governors to help our schools, with a wide range of working backgrounds (including school leadership, police, HR management, IT, Early Help, family support, administration):

Name of Governor	Category of Governor
Verity Brain	Co-opted
Martin Coleman	Parent
Alison Davis	Local Authority
Mel Davis	Head teacher
Jessica Fawkes	Staff
Peter Greenwood	Parent
Richard Hall	Co-opted
Georgina Lewis	Associate
Georgina Matthews	Co-opted
Wayne Rudge	Co-opted
Vashti Tingay	Co-opted
Jennifer Thomas	Co-opted
David Wildin	Co-opted

WGSP Vacancy

Please find attached details of a vacancy for a Partnership Co-ordinator for the West Gloucestershire Support Partnership.

Friends of Steam Mills (FoSM)

FoSM will be holding a meeting on Friday 25th March at 2.45pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Diary Dates

March

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

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 Tues 22nd March - 3:30pm-6:20pm
 Tues 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 Mon 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.

Author Visit

This week, Classes 3 and 4 have been visited by local author, Andy Seed. He has written many books, including: An interview with a shark, The clue is in the Poo and The Story of the Forest. He has written nearly 40 books and children even got a preview of a new one written for The British Museum.

The children learnt all about the forest through time - right back to 20,000 years ago! Class 3 will be exploring this topic in depth as part of Local Industry in the Summer Term.

Ukraine Cake Sale

Thank you very much for supporting the cake sale last week and again this week. We raised £207.50 last week and will update you next week on the grand total after today. All money will go to the British Red Cross.

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the Department for Education, will be returning this Spring break between 11-14th April; this is for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for **benefits-related free school meals**.

Please find attached an e-poster letting families know of the key dates of Spring HAF as well as signposting to the channels to follow to stay up to date.

**Head Teacher Certificates**

Pre-school
Daphne - always having such a fabulous attitude to learning.

Class 1
Winnie - For staying focussed on her learning.
Dexter - Being a good friend.

Class 2
Blake - Brilliant ideas in English and Science.
Cole - Being brave during swimming.

Class 3
Lily - Great product analysis in DT.
Amelia - Detailed design plans in DT.

Class 4
Mia-Rae – Excellent work during Algebra.
Milly – Setting an excellent example of a Y6!

Holidays Activity Programme

GCC have also recently secured some additional funding so that they can once again extend their offer to all families as part of the HAP programme (Holidays activity programme- NOT funded by the DfE).

We encourage all HAP and HAF families to get in contact with their local offer to see what is available to them. To find out where to get more information about your local offer, you can click here. <<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/follow-your-district-on-social-media/>>

If you have any queries, please get in touch by emailing : hafparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Class 3 – Science

Class 3 have made panpipes in Science with Miss Carlson this week. They are learning about Sound this term, how it is made and how different pitches are made. Well done Class 3!



We celebrated a very colourful Red Nose Day today. Thank you for your donations and purchasing Red Noses. We will inform you of the totals raised next week.

The Pre-school children have been busy creating Superhero masks and enjoyed a special Red Nose Day edition of Cosmic Yoga.

They have also been learning all about why we celebrate Red Nose Day, why we raise money and who we help.





Apologies for quality of photo C2,
we will get it right next time!



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