



Steam Mills Primary

07.06.2024



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.

AiP Meal Price Increase

Our caterers (Alliance in Partnership) have given notice of a price increase from **September 2024**. The meal price will be increased to **£2.75** per meal – meals will remain free of charge to those on means tested Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Years R-2). The school understands the increase is brought about by food inflation and ongoing increases in labour costs; we feel that this price still offers good value for the quality of the meals served each day.

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](#)

Sports Day Morning – Picnic Lunch – Friday 14th June

We have our Sports Morning on **Friday 14th June**. The morning should start on the "Big Field" from 9:30am. If it is sunny, please ensure children have sun-cream applied and a hat to wear as there isn't much shade on the field. We are also arranging for the children to enjoy a Picnic Lunch back in the school grounds on this day. Please could you ensure that only the main lunch options or sandwiches are ordered, we will not be providing Jacket Potatoes on this day. Thank you

Extra Non-school Uniform Day! Friday 21st June

FoSM have arranged for another non-school uniform day and all we are asking for in return are donations of Jingle Jars for the summer fayre! If you don't know what a Jingle Jar is, you can use any jar from home to fill with goodies that a child would love; sweets, tiny toys, stationery and/or hair accessories are just some examples. Thank you so much from FoSM 😊



Term Dates 2023-24

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

INSET days:

22nd July

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

June

14th Sports Day morning

19th Reading Café – 3:15pm

20th Y3/4 Federation Trip to
Hopewell/Clearwell

Y5/6 Federation Sports at
Soudley

21st FoSM Non-school uniform
day – Jingle Jars
Girls Football Five Acres

24th Bump up mornings & Forest
& 25th High Taster Days Y6

24th Dene Magna Taster Week Y6
-28th

26th C3 Violin Performance
11:15am

28th Football at Five Acres
FoSM Summer Fayre

July

2nd Five Acres Taster Day for Y6

3rd C4 Residential

5th

10th Federation Teddy Bears
Picnic for Class 1 and 2 at
Soudley

11th School Discos

15th Reports week

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

19th Last Day for children

22nd Inset Training Day

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Please note that if you are late collecting your child from school, they will be put in After School Club (ASC). If they are at ASC for more than 10 minutes, the minimum charge will be made. Also, just to reiterate the procedure for drop off and collection of children before or after school (this also applies if you are late collecting your child). Please ring the hall bell on the main school gate, staff will then release the gate and you walk around to the BC/ASC door at the back of the school and ring the bell there to collect your child. Occasionally, in the summer, collection from ASC will be from the playground if the children are playing outside, you will need to make yourself seen/heard from the gate. Also, sometimes on a Monday or Friday, ASC is running in the Zoom Room at the front of the school, due to Prostars being in the hall, on these occasions, you will need to ring the office, rather than the hall to be let in. Please ask Miss Agg if you have any questions or queries.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Tobiasz - showing more confidence when speaking to adults and peers about his ideas and needs.

Beatrix - confidently expressing her own ideas to peers when playing.

Class 1

Delilah - for trying her best in maths.

Elodie - for reading complex words and a whole paragraph.

Class 2

Carla - fantastic explanations in maths.

Bella - wonderful writing in phonics.

Class 3

Harry - for his positive attitude and contributions to class discussions.

Elora - always being focused and ready to learn.

Class 4

Matei - for thoughtful contributions in class and for always giving it a go.

Amelia - for working hard in converting mixed numbers to improper fractions.

Everyone can Shine!

During our INSET day before half term Staff were able to discuss how proud we are of the behaviour of our pupils. We have developed 5 rules that we can use in every class throughout our federation. Mrs Davis met up with school council members from each school who were able to share ideas from our pupils. Staff also shared ideas. These are the 5 rules that we have all had the opportunity to contribute towards and will be using in school from now on. Please ask your child what the rules are and remind them of our expectations, thank you.



The Forest Federation

Our five rules mean that everyone can **shine!**

1. Listen to the **speaker**
2. Be kind, caring and **honest**
3. **I will do my best**
4. Be Rights Respecting
5. Respect yourself, others & the **environment**

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

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 – the children have been very excited by the growth progress of their beans, using lots of lovely mathematical language when making observations and comparing with each other. We have embraced our new theme of "I do like to be beside the seaside" sharing stories, using Seaside inspired props and pictures to extend play. The children have been subitising - using shells and fish - matching quantity to numbers up to 6. We have been busy practising for Sports Day, using the story 'The Jungle Run' to talk about the importance of joining in and having fun! We have also started to make Father's Day cards and talk about what we love most about our daddies.

Class 1 – busy first week back, we have started our new English book, The Night Pirates. We have been using this book to write lists for pirates and to write captions for different events in the story. In maths we have been looking at patterns within numbers to 10, such as doubles and number bonds. In Geography we have been looking closely at the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and the capital cities. In phonics, Reception have been looking at compound words and our HFW's are 'old, very, I'm'.

Class 2 - we have had such a lovely first week back! We have begun a writing unit based on the text Wolves by Emily Gravett; during our lessons we explored what we already know about wolves, sorted books into fiction and non-fiction and decided if statements about wolves were fact or fiction. Over the next week, we will be writing a fact file about wolves based on our knowledge. We have also begun reading The Magic Finger in reading comprehension. The children have used their prediction, inference and vocabulary skills this week. They are enjoying this book very much! Mrs Evans has also begun a 3-week forest schools' session with Class 2. A very busy first week back!

Class 3 had a brilliant time at gymnastics this week. They listened well to the coaches and all tried their best. Some children even surprised themselves with trying new equipment. We have started our new guided reading book, Amazing Africa and explored the features of non-fiction texts. In maths, Y3 children are continuing their work on time and have been writing digital times. Y4 children have been using multiplication knowledge to x1000 converting litres to ml. We have 3 more violin sessions left this term. Parents/ carers are welcome to join us on Wednesday 26th June at 11:15am for a short performance to showcase their learning.

Class 4 - this week C4 have had a good week! They were lucky enough to access a live webinar from the Eden Project where they learnt lots, but were also able to show off their learning about Rainforests from the Spring Term. They saw giant bamboo, and learnt it can grow between 40 and 80 cm in a day; a sensitive plant that curls up when touched to protect itself so it looks less appetising to eat; and most importantly, that there are different coloured bananas, including, blue, pink and ice-cream flavoured ones! They learnt about more ways they could look after their environments, linked to world environment day. They have also started a new unit of English, and are analysing speeches and how they can be made more effective, and in DT they are starting to design their own Maya masks. A very busy, exciting week to kick start Summer 2. Please can we ask parents to return the medical forms asap for the residential!

E-consent School Age Vaccinations

We have attached a letter from NHS Gloucestershire Health and Care regarding a change to how they will be collating information regarding consent.

Cinderford Band Open Day

Please find attached details of the upcoming open day with Cinderford Band.

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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