

Steam Mills Primary

07.05.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

We carried out our termly fire drill yesterday morning and were very impressed with how the children calmly and quickly evacuated the building, still managing to keep to their "bubbles". Well done to all!

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children for being awarded certificates in our Zoom Celebration Assembly:

Finley and Georgia R in Class 4
Henry and Dylan M in Class 3
Isabelle and Brandon in Class 2
The whole of Class 1 and
Joules and Jasmine in Pre-school

Certificates were awarded for fantastic attributes again this week, including; great writing about Shakespeare, excellent focus and answers in guided reading, thorough maths explanations, writing an amazing story, improving listening and behaviour, excellent work in yoga and fantastic maths!

On-line Content

A parent has mentioned that some children have been playing on-line horror games at home and have talked about this in school. Please could we remind parents to keep a check on the age appropriateness of the games the children are playing. Many thanks.

Parent Survey

Many thanks for the 53 responses we had. Overall responses were very positive with most scoring 4 to 5 out of 5. All comments have been greatly appreciated. As you are aware from the question about e-Schools, we are considering alternatives and will pursue this based on your responses. Please bear with us whilst we make changes, to streamline communications. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Summer Events

This week, GCC have released Safety, Health and Environment instructions to schools for the summer term, which include the planning of events, pending updated Government guidance. Class bubbles remain and visits to sites must continue to be restricted:

Secondary school transition visits for Y6 pupils: Children will be able to visit their secondary school for transition events under DfE/Public Health system of controls including the wearing of masks; keeping to secure bubbles etc and we are in communication with secondary schools about this.
Sports Days: The current guidance remains that parents/carers should not attend sports days on school sites. Class bubbles need to be maintained for the summer term; however, we will ensure that the children experience an adapted sports day event.

Diary Dates

May

20th Class Photographs, Y6 Individual Photos & Staff photos
28th Inset Day & End of Term 5

June

7th Start of Term 6

July

21st Inset Day & End of Term 6

September

2nd Inset Day
3rd Start of Term 1

End of Year Events: The current guidance is that schools should not host any performances with an audience, but consider alternatives such as recording performances of Y6 leavers' events, subject to the usual safeguarding considerations and parental permission. This may change should the next stage of the Government roadmap pass and guidance is updated. We will contact Y6 parents in due course.

Parents Evenings: Schools are encouraged to consider alternative means of providing feedback to parents/carers on pupil achievement with the use of virtual meetings. Arrangements will be communicated through this newsletter in due course.

Testing Protocol

Primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they have COVID symptoms, in which case their families should follow the 'Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and book a **PCR test** for the child. **Lateral Flow Tests (1/2 hour home tests) are for use with a person who does not have symptoms.**

Please remember

Please practice social distancing whilst at school, wear a face covering, remain very vigilant for symptoms and do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Best Wishes

Mrs Davis