

Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Spring Term is well underway and there is a lovely 'buzz' around the school. Please see the following reminders and new information. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Drop and Go

The easiest option with regards to drop-off in the mornings is our drop and go service in the main car park at the rear of the school. It is available to classes 2-4 and there is a 10-minute window. We encourage parents/carers to use this service, 8:50am-9:00am at the main car park as it helps alleviate congestion for others.

Please avoid dropping KS2 children right at the KS2 gate. Due to the volume of traffic, even stopping briefly causes a blockage and backup on the main road. Thank you

Start of School

Please could you ensure that your child is in school and ready for registration at 9:00am. A number of children are arriving after the registration has closed and this is affecting whole class learning. Thank you

Parking

Please could we ask that only **Pre-school and Reception** carers/parents park in the parking spaces adjacent to the main road and walk through the KS1 double gate to Class 1 and Pre-school. Parents/Carers from classes 2-4 should use drop and go or park elsewhere please. Thank you

Covid

Please continue to be vigilant about Covid symptoms and take a test if in doubt. Our updated risk assessment is on the school website. We have had confirmed cases in pre-school, class 1 and Class 2 since we returned from the Christmas break and have issued warn and inform letters to parents.

From DfE: From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

Diary Dates

January

- 24th Bikeability Training for Year 5
- 26th Rags to Riches Collection

February

- 18th Last day of Term 3 – FoSM Non-school Uniform Day
- 28th Start of Term 4

March

- 1st Class 4 start Gymnastics
- 22nd Parents Evenings
- 29th Parents Evenings
- April
- 8th Last day of Term 4 – FoSM Non-school Uniform Day
- 25th Start of Term 5

May

- 9th-12th KS2 SATS
- 13th Tempest Class Photos & Leavers Photos
- 17th 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&5th Y5/6 Residential – South Cerney

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

School Office

We are currently experiencing busy peak times (8:45am-9:15am and 3:00pm-3:30pm) in the school office and apologise if the phone line is not answered. Please do leave a message when prompted and Miss Agg will call you back if necessary.

Class 4 Residential Trip

We are delighted to inform you that we have booked a residential trip for Class 4 to South Cerney Outdoor, Cirencester. This will be taking place on Monday 4th July and Tuesday 5th July 2022. More details to follow once the timetable and costings have been finalised. In the meantime, you can watch a promotional video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybmw5rc5HeM>

Pre-school

If you have a child who turns 3 this year and are interested in finding out more about our Pre-school setting, please contact the school office. Currently Monday's are fully booked but there are spaces on other days. Many thanks



Term Times – September 2022 – July 2023

We have finalised the terms times, with inset days, for the next school year and have attached this for your information.

Rights Respecting

We have focussed on 'The right to access education that develops talent and personality' (Article 29). At Steam Mills, we offer a large range creative activities to enable all children to reach their potential. These extra-curricular opportunities include:

- Yoga
- Gymnastics at Coleford
- Prostars coaches- rugby, football, hockey, netball, basketball, tennis and more.
- Off-site sport tournaments for upper KS2
- Enhancement days with Prostars – glow in the dark dodgeball, Olympic tournaments which included introduction to new activities e.g. Archery
- Now Press Play, virtual experience for all pupils
- Swimming at Cinderford leisure (for more year groups than statutory requirements)
- Art- watercolour painting, drawing, clay, sewing, printing and more.
- Music- Ukulele/Violin/pBuzz - Gloucestershire music
- Purple mash for ICT
- Salut for French in KS2
- External visitors – Gloucestershire Constabulary, London Sinfonietta and Authors

**Head Teacher Certificates**

Pre-school
Bertie – for independently putting own coat on.

Class 1
Emmie – for writing about a giant.
Lily – for artwork, painting in the style of Mondrian.

Class 2
Arlo – for excellent writing about being friends with a Yeti.
Blair – for recognising shapes well.

Class 3
Toby – for using resources in maths to improve subtraction.
Elwood – for excellent colour blending with watercolours

Class 4
Tiffany – for showing a good work ethic.
David – showing good responses in guided

- Class trips – looking to book each class soon!

Cyber Safety

Attached is a letter from Gloucestershire Constabulary with Cyber Safety guidance that all parents/carers should be aware of to help keep children safer online.

Clubs

We will review our club provision again after the half term break. The current plan is to continue with the Prostars Club, which is proving very popular, KS2 on Friday's is full, but there are still places available for KS1 each Monday.

Bikeability Cycle Training

All of our year 5 pupils should now have brought home a letter for cycle training. Please could you ensure that this form is returned no later than **Friday 14th January 2022** if you would like your child to participate. Historically we have always planned in for the Year 5s to take advantage of this extra learning opportunity. However, we are asking again if Bikeability have capacity later in the year to train the Year 6 pupils who missed their session last year. We will keep you updated. Many thanks

Rags to Riches

Reminder that the next collection is on **26 January 2022** so please keep us in mind if you are planning to have a sort out. Rags to Riches have confirmed that you can use any bags, as they are not sending theirs out at present.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis