



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. 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).

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](#)

Attendance Policy

With the increase in requests for Absences during term time and also the amount of lateness being registered at present. We have attached our updated Federation Attendance Policy for your information, this and other policies are all available on our School Website.

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 😊



Sports Day Morning – Picnic Lunch – Friday 28th June

Such a shame that we had to postpone our Sports Day Morning; the new date is **Friday, 28th 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

Term Dates 2023-24

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

INSET days:

22nd July

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

June

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

26th C3 Violin Performance 11:15am

28th Football at Five Acres

July

2nd Five Acres Taster Day for Y6

3rd C4 Residential

5th

8th Come & Play Day – Rec 2024

10th Federation Picnic for Class 1 and 2 at Soudley

11th School Discos

12th FoSM Summer Fayre

15th Reports week

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

19th Last Day for children

22nd Inset Training Day



Upcoming Federation Trips

We have two federation trips on Thursday 20th June. Class 3 will be visiting Clearwell and Hopewell with Y3/4 children of Soudley and Woodside Schools and Class 4 will be visiting Soudley School with Woodside School to enjoy sports activities. Please could parents not order hot school dinners on this day as both classes will need packed lunches. However, you can order a school packed lunch in advance for your child, these will be delivered to school on Wednesday, ready for Thursday. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any queries.



FoSM Summer Fayre

Change of date – now Friday 12th July

The School Summer Fayre will now be taking place on Friday 12th July, starting at 3:15pm and finishing at approx. 5:30pm. There will be lots for families and friends, including; a Raffle, Tombola, Jingle Jars, BBQ, Bar, Games and more. We hope that you are able to attend and support FoSM with this fundraising which will go towards the next Pantomime Trip.

KS2 Prostars will be cancelled on this day as Mr Yearly will be providing games at the Fayre, parents will be refunded.

End of Year Reports

The children's reports will be sent home via email this year, directly from our school systems. It is really important that we have your up to date **email address** details in order for you to receive the report. Please let Miss Agg know if you need to update your email details. The report will give an attendance overview; should you require a full SIMS Attendance Report, please contact Miss Agg.

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 – this week at Pre-School we have been talking about our Dads and why they are important to us and the children have created beautiful cards for their Dads for Father's Day. We have been doing Sports Day practise (even though the weather stopped play!) and have been reading 'The Jungle Run', teaching the children the importance of taking part and having fun! We have enjoyed sand play outside, bikes and scooters and the large climbing frame. The children have been using playdough to role play in the kitchen and we have enjoyed using marbles to count and balance. Our sound this week has been T and our number has been 4.

Class 1 – busy week is Class 1. We received a letter from The Night Pirates, so we have all written a response. We have also begun writing a guide to 'How to be a Pirate', which the children have really enjoyed learning about and finding out their pirate names.

In phonics this week, Reception have been looking at triple consonant blends at the beginning of words, such as, (spl, scr, str, spr) found in words like splat, scratch, strap and spring. Our HFW's this week are (called, looked, asked).



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Willow - for engaging in group play and expressing her own thoughts and ideas.

Penny - for demonstrating more confidence and independence at Pre-School.

Class 1

Harrison - for his lovely handwriting.

Charlie - for his resilience when writing independently.

Star Readers : Charlie, Caitlin, Elodie & Tate.

Class 2

Billy - excellent effort in everything you do

Zia - amazing reasoning skills in maths

Class 3

Xander - for being very helpful.

Serenity - for an amazing sketch of a miner, using charcoal.

Class 4

Freddie – for a great design with his Tyrannoflax.

Macey – for lovely ideas in writing.

In maths we have been enjoyed finding the number bonds (number best friends) of 5 and using our previous knowledge to great number bond rainbows.

Class 2 - this week in Class 2 we have been using some map skills. The children were given an aerial map of Steam Mills and had to use this to find different places, as well as naming places on the map. They transferred these skills into their forest school session with Mrs Evans, where the children drew an aerial map of the route to the forest school site. The Year 2s have continued to work on statistics in maths, creating and interpreting pictograms. The Year 1s have been creating equal groups and arrays in their multiplication topic.

Class 3 had a super science lesson this week! They explored their new unit on electricity, categorising appliances into battery or mains powered. They then worked in groups to construct and draw circuits with different components in. There were light bulbs shining, buzzers sounding and motors spinning.

They have been working hard in writing to write sentences in present perfect tense and we finished the rest of our book, 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. Next week, they will be planning their own version of the narrative. In history, they created timelines using BC and AD to order events that took place in the Forest of Dean through different time periods of history.

Class 4 have had another busy week. The children conducted a science experiment on Monday to see which materials were soluble and which are not and they enjoyed looking at historical resources linked to the Mayans on Tuesday. Year 5 have been working hard on fractions this week, with addition of proper fractions and mixed numbers and next week they will be moving on to subtraction. In SRE, the majority of children showed real maturity in the class discussions and they are now opening up about some of their curiosities linked to this subject. For the play, the children were shown what will be needed for their costumes – if you have any issues with sourcing anything, please let any of the Class 4 team know and we will be happy to help provided we are informed in good time. Thanks.

Beat the Street – Cinderford

The children were very excited to have an assembly about this scheme on Wednesday and more information will be sent home next week.



Beat the Street is run by Active Gloucestershire, a not-for-profit organisation of the we can move social movement. It is funded by the National Lottery via Sport England, and managed by Intelligent Health.



Helping Families since 2017

Who we are

We are a group of volunteers who care deeply about our community and want to help families when times are tough.

How do we help? We give out bundles of good quality second hand clothes and shoes as well as some baby equipment to families who need help, free of charge.

We provide the following:

- Nappies and Pullups, disposable and reusable
- Wet Wipes
- Toiletries (babies, children, adult)
- Dental Hygiene (babies, children, adult)
- Clothes (Prem size to 14 years old)
- Coats (0-3m to 14 years)
- Gloves and Hats
- Shoes (from 0 infant to 7UK adult)
- Cots and Moses baskets + bedding
- Single bedding
- Prams and strollers
- Weaning supplies
- Formula and Baby food 7m+
- School Uniform (4-16 years old)
- School Shoes
- Maternity Clothes
- Breast pads and Nipple cream
- Sanitary and Maternity towels

We accept self-referrals as well as professional referrals

How to get help:

Email:
fodbabybank@gmail.com

Website:
fodbabybank.org

Message our Facebook page:
[@fodbabybank](https://www.facebook.com/fodbabybank)

Call us:
07789465127 Mon-Fri 9-11am



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Dear Families of Year 4, 5, and 6 Students,

I am writing to acknowledge the increasing online presence of children in today's digital age. As educators and guardians, I recognise the immense opportunities that the internet provides for learning and growth. However, I am equally aware of the challenges and potential risks associated with online activities.

Our commitment is to ensure that our students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly and also offer parents the guidance in supporting their child in using the internet safely. In partnership with you, I aim to foster a secure and enriching online environment for your children.

Therefore, SGS Forest High would like to invite parents of local primary schools to an information evening about how to keep your child safe online.

This will be delivered by PC Simon Williams who will be covering a range of topics about online safety and a chance for questions at the end.

This will be happening on Wednesday 10th July at SGS Forest high 3.30-5.30pm. If you are interested in attending please sign up using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/AznFKS3qMX>

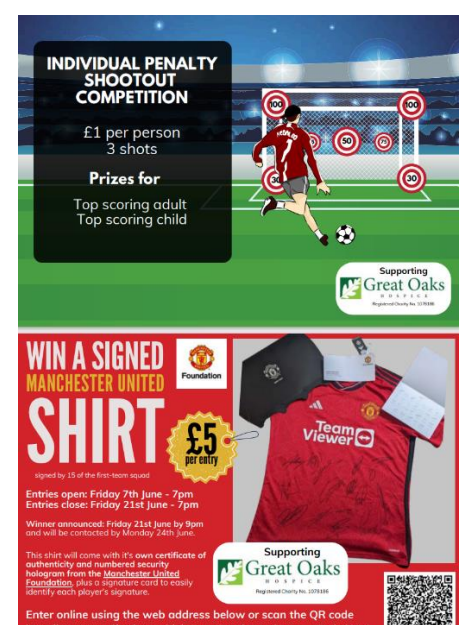
I look forward to meeting you and working together to ensure the safety and well-being of our students in the digital world.

April Booker
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Symonds Yat House



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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.

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