

# Steam Mills Primary

26.11.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Pantomime

### Sweets/Chocolate

Many thanks for returning trip slips for the Pantomime on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Quite a few returns missed the permission line about a sweet/chocolate treat during the interval. Therefore, please could you let Miss Agg know if you are **NOT** happy for your child to receive this. We will then have a list ready to take with us on the day.

### Volunteer Helpers

Parent volunteers have now been allocated and contacted to say which class they are allocated to help with. Thank you for all your kind offers of help.

### Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch letter was distributed last week, with Lunch taking place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure your child hands in their slip by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Many thanks

### Wellbeing Packs – Class 3

Wyldwood contacted us to ask if we would be interested in making care packages to distribute to the elderly who will be on their own over Christmas. We have made cards, letters, poems, tree decorations and reindeer decorations. Children in class 3 have spoken about bringing joy to others who may be lonely and we have spoken about how the elderly may need support to access their rights, such as cooking meals, sheltered accommodation and medical care.

### Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to bring into school Christmas cards for their friends. Cards need to be marked clearly with the name of the recipient (sometimes there is more than one of the same Christian name in a class! So the first letter of the surname should also be used) and their class number. Please would parents check letters before children bring them into school. The post-box will be available from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you so much to all of you that made up a shoebox to donate to the Teams 4 U charity this year. Shoeboxes are going to be distributed to children in Belarus, Moldova and Romania ready for Christmas. We had approximately 60 boxes, which is an amazing effort! Our numbers were boosted this year thanks to Olivia's Mum in Class 2. She kindly arranged lots of lovely donations and supplied the shoeboxes ready for Class 2 to have their very own production line, filling the boxes and writing out Christmas Cards to accompany the shoeboxes. Many thanks!

## Diary Dates

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> C4 Trip to We the Curious - Bristol
- 6<sup>th</sup> Panto Trip (see letter)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pre-school Christmas Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate
- 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term – FoSM non-school uniform day & Class Christmas Parties





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**Head Teacher Certificates**
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**Pre-school**  
**Bertie** – for kind sharing and taking turns.

**Class 1**  
**Isla C** - for making a great start in Class 1 and for making friends with lots of children, joining in with all our activities and contributing to class discussions.  
**Alfie C** - for making a great start in Class 1 and for already showing us all what a lovely, kind friend he is.

**Class 2**  
**Jax** – beautiful labelling Columbus' discoveries.  
**Luca** – for being a great historian.

**Class 3**  
**Oakley** - having a positive attitude towards learning.  
**Amelia** - great contributions in guided reading.

**Class 4**  
**Ben** – having a great learning attitude.  
**Caydi** – a Y6 inspiration!

**Update to South West Consensus Letter**

Please find attached to this newsletter, an update to possible COVID measures. They have added that there is a national shortage of supply teachers, which could impact schools ability in keeping certain classes open.

**Rags to Riches**

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme again, to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. The school (FoSM) gets 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items. Our next collection will be **26 January 2022** so please keep us in mind if you are planning to have a sort out.

**Barbardo's Information**

Please find attached to the newsletter information from Barnardo's.

**STOP PRESS – CONGRATULATIONS STEAM MILLS!**

Well done to our year 5/6 fabulous football team, who came first in today's inter-school tournament in Lydney. We are very proud of their achievement and braving the very cold, wet weather!



Best Wishes  
Mrs Davis

