



# Steam Mills Primary

17.05.2024



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. No bookings please for Thursday (half day) and Friday (Inset Training day). 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.

## Rags 2 Riches Collection

Thank you so much for the many bags donated on Monday to Rags 2 Riches. We raised an amazing **£116.80** for Friends of Steam Mills.

## FoSM Summer Fayre/Non-school Uniform Day

There will be a non-school uniform day on **Wednesday 22nd May**. Please could all children bring in a Tombola prize as a donation to the Summer Fayre.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second-hand uniform sale on **Wednesday 22nd May**, either in the playground or in school, between 3pm and 3:30pm. If you would like any spare items for the summer term or looking for larger sizes for the next school year, please do come along and have a look. Some items have very little wear, all items are £1 each 😊

We have such lot of second-hand uniform donations and unnamed lost property at the moment. When we collect items, all named items are returned to the children, we did however have 26 unnamed items of lost property handed in last week from classrooms and the field! **Please can we request that items are named so that this waste is reduced – thank you.**



## Term Dates 2023-24

### Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July  
Half Term: 27th—31st May

### INSET days:

24th May and  
22nd July

### Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

### May

22nd FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Tombola prizes  
Second-hand Uniform Sale  
23rd Sponsored Walk  
End of Term 5  
24th Inset Training Day

### June

3rd Start of Term 6  
4th Class 3 Gymnastics starting  
7th FoSM Summer Fayre Meeting  
14th Sports Day morning  
19th Reading Café – 3:15pm  
20th Y3/4 Federation Trip  
Y5/6 Federation Sports  
21st FoSM Non-school uniform day – Jingle Jars  
Girls Football Five Acres  
24th Bump up mornings & 25th  
28th Football at Five Acres  
FoSM Summer Fayre

### July

2nd Five Acres Taster Day for Y6  
3rd C4 Residential  
5th  
11th School Discos  
15th Reports week  
16th Leavers Performances –  
9:30am and 5:00pm  
19th Last Day for children  
22nd Inset Training Day

## Term 6 - Forest School

### Class 2

Forest school sessions will take place on Thursday mornings for the first 3 weeks of term. Please contact Ms Chamberlin or Mrs Evans if you are able to help. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing long sleeved top and long trousers with sensible shoes. A change of clothes would be needed in case of bad weather.

### Class 1

Forest school sessions will resume on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

### **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 we have been focussing on plants, growth and Jack and the Bean Stalk. We painted a large-scale bean stalk and castle which is up on display in Pre-School. The children have also added leaves and have drawn the hen, the gold eggs, the cow and the sign that says "no kids allowed". We have been looking at a time lapse video of how long a plant takes to grow over the space of 23 days and have been talking about patience. How it needs a long time to be able to grow which lead to us planting our own bean stalks.

On top of this, we have been enjoying the warmer weather outside on the bikes and scooters and large climbing equipment, taking part in yoga and visiting forest schools on a Friday afternoon. Our number this week has been 1 and our sound of the week has been P.

**Class 1** – busy week, the children have been creating woodland art with clay following our Beechenhurst trip, ready to paint next week. In English, the children have been writing leaflets about starting school and working on their independent writing. In maths, we have been using the Rekenreks, to subitise, count, and look for number bonds and doubles. In Geography we have had the compasses out whilst learning about 4 compass points.

Reception HFW's 'time, out, house, about'

**Class 2** – this week, we have been busy writing a report all about the Minpins. The children have been writing about what Minpins look like, where they live and how they travel. We will be publishing our report next week into an information booklet, making sure to use our best handwriting and spelling. We have also had the chance to finish our plant diaries. The children's beans had grown so much over the sunny weekend that it was time for them to be planted outside. The Year 2s have just begun their capacity and measurement topic in maths, while the Y1s have begun to tell the time to o'clock and half past times.

**Class 3** managed to dodge the rain this week to play some rounders on the field. They amazed me with their great batting and fielding skills. The children have really enjoyed this unit of PE. In science, we continued to observe plants to see the impact of not giving them water, sun, too much heat or being too cold. The children were all able to make great observations about the conditions that plants needed to grow well.

**Class 4** have had a VERY busy week! Y6 have been working hard this week with their SATs and they are now completed. Lots of the children came in early to ease into their mornings and this showed  
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### Star of the Week Certificates



#### Pre-school

**Cooper** - for settling really well into Pre-School.  
**Oak** - for using different techniques to design his beanstalk leaf.

#### Class 1

**Toby** - for embracing new experience on our trip.  
**Elodie** - for her fantastic knowledge of castles.

#### Star readers:

Luca and Caitlin

#### Class 2

**Zakiyah** - wonderful clay woodland animals.  
**Ariana** - fantastic effort in writing, using conjunctions to join clauses.

#### Class 3

**Dexter** - excellent explanations in maths for reasoning questions.  
**Isla-Mae** - great understanding of decimals.

#### Class 4

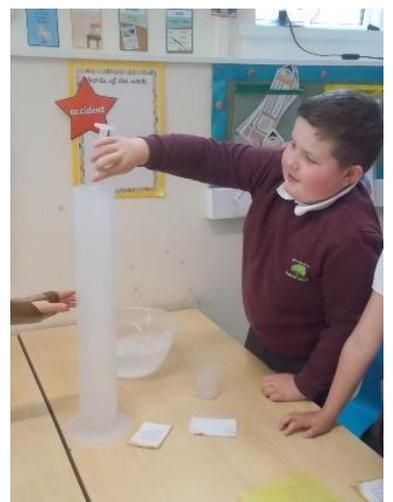
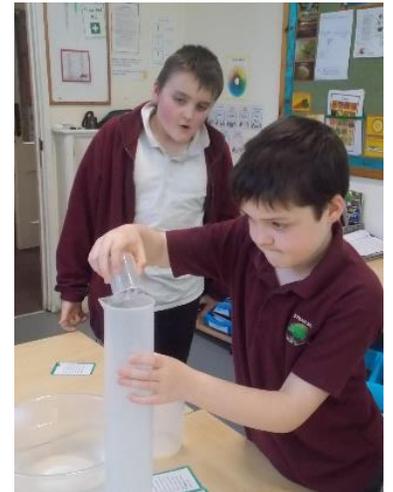
**Norah** – for making exceptional effort across all areas of learning.  
**Bailey** – for a great multi-media piece of art work.

a real commitment to their learning. Y5 have had a tricky week with working between the hall, and C4 and have done so respectfully and calmly, which has been great. Even though the children have been busy, they have still had opportunities for wider learning: they made a good start with their practice pieces in Art; in DT, the children are creating chilli hot chocolate and today, they have all taken part in a class treat with an extra sports lesson. A great week overall and we are feeling very proud of them!

### Severn Trent Water

This week, we had a special assembly delivered by Rob from Severn Trent. He talked about the water cycle and how Severn Trent clean water. The children participated very well, including dressing up as the water cycle and playing 'higher or lower'.

Class 3 then had a workshop about water efficiency. They worked in teams as 'families' to measure how much water was used for tasks such as washing the car, cleaning teeth and washing dishes. They then sorted cards to explore ways to save water. We were very impressed with their measuring skills and working together as a team.



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**PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS**

**Tuesday 28th May**  
10am to 4pm  
**The Recreation Ground, Ruspidge, GL14 3AE**

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With thanks to Cllr Morgan who funded this session with Bullf Back Better Funding

Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult. We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

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*Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire*

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration - children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this occurs please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

For further information:  
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Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)

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.**