

Steam Mills Primary

24.06.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sports Day

The results are in for Sports Day! It was a very close run morning of events with the scoring neck and neck until the end of KS2 and the winners were.....

Chestnut!

Chestnut were presented with the cup during Celebration Assembly yesterday and each team member will receive their very own certificate in due course. Well done to everyone who completed and tried their hardest, it was lovely to see Sports Day back.

Photo Orders – Class Photos

A reminder that if you are not placing your order on-line, please return any paper order requests by **Monday 27th June**. They will be posted on Tuesday 28th June in order to receive the photos back by the end of term.

Sponsored Walk – Wednesday 20th July

The sponsored walk is a fundraising event for FoSM with proceeds ultimately going towards our annual Pantomime performance for the whole school. Details and sponsor forms have been sent home, please ask Miss Agg if you need another copy.

Please could you return as soon as possible and preferably before the walk with money collected. We plan to set off at 9:45am if you are intending to join us. This day will be a **packed lunch day only**; please do not order hot dinners even though that option will be on ParentPay (we are unable to remove). Thank you.

FoSM

Friends of Steam Mills have put a call out for any small glass jars with lids please. They will be needed for the summer fayre. You can bring these to the school office. Thank you.

Also a reminder that next **Friday, 1st July** is a non-school uniform day in support of the School Fayre. Instead of the normal donation to FoSM, please could you send in a donation for the tombola of gift items, chocolates, smellies, toys, etc. Thank you.

Diary Dates

June

- 27th Dene Magna & Forest High Y7 Induction week
C3&C3 Trip to Gloucester Mosque & Cathedral
- 27th Reception Parents/Carers (Sep 2022) Meeting 5:00pm
- 28th Whole School Bump up Morning & Rec Sept 22 children
- 29th C2 Trip to Goodrich Castle.

July

- 1st FoSM Non- uniform day – Tombola prizes for the Summer Fayre
- 4th&6th Y5/6 Residential – South Cerney
- 12th Leavers Play – matinee & evening
- 13th Y5 Super Learning Day – Five Acres High
- 14th Come & Play morning for Rec 2022 children
- 15th FoSM Summer Fayre 4pm
- 19th Y6 Leavers Service
- 20th Sponsored Walk - Last Day of Term
- 21st Inset Training Day
- September 2022**
- 5th Inset Training Day
- 6th Start of Term 1

Parent/Carer Meeting for Reception Sep 22

Our Early Years staff will be holding a meeting on **Monday 27th June at 5pm** for parents/carers. There will be information about your child starting school in September and a pack handed out with forms that we need completing and returning before your child starts. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the school office. Thank you.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – this week children have been taking part in various sand and water play activities. We have created a large scale “under the sea” picture and made our own rainbow fish.

Class 1 – this week the children in Class 1 have started to read The Rainbow Fish and have begun to write a book review! This links in nicely with their new theme of the seaside.

Class 2 – this week, Class 2 have been getting very excited for our school trip. We will be visiting Goodrich Castle on Wednesday next week; in preparation for this, we have been writing questions to ask when we get there. The children thought up brilliant questions, for example, what was it like to live in a castle? We are hoping to get these questions answered next week.

Class 3 - this week, Class 3 have been working incredibly hard on their assessments. We are very proud of them all for trying their best. We have also been practising songs for Class 4's play. Please let Mrs Gibbs know if your child will not be able to attend the evening performance of the play.

Class 4 - in swimming this week, Class 4 were learning about water safety as part of Drowning Prevention Week. The children were taught strategies linked to helping people in the water without putting themselves in jeopardy; this included calling out to the person who needs help, throwing buoyancy aids accurately and checking for hazards.

Thank you to the parents who came along for our Residential chat; we have compiled the points raised together and sent out a summary via e-schools if you were unable to make it.

Forest Pulse

Forest Pulse are a local charity in the Forest of Dean who supports children and young people with disabilities and their families.

They are running a Summer Activity Club for children and young people aged 4-19 years across the Summer Holidays. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Forest of Dean Baby Bank

There is a provision of good quality 2nd hand clothes available from the Forest of Dean Baby Bank and there will be a School Uniform Free Cycle on the 6 August in Bream to help parents with the costs of kitting children for the new school year. This is open to anyone who needs help, you do not need referrals for clothes or school uniform. Any queries feel free to get in touch with the team, as follows:

E-mail: yourbabyfod@outlook.com

Mobile (for calls) between 9am-11am Mon-Fri 07789 465127

Mobile (for texts and WhatsApp) 9am-5pm Mon-Sun 074902 93531

Facebook @fodbabybank



Head Teacher Certificates



Pre-school

Elodie – settling so well into Pre-school.

Joules – brilliant imagination and problem solving in water play.

Class 1

Freddie - for his positive attitude towards school and for engaging brilliantly in his learning.

Ava - for always working super hard in all subjects.

Class 2

Harry - for always being enthusiastic and ready to learn - especially in music.

Betsy - amazing problem solving in maths.

Class 3

Ellwood - a fantastic poster about 'mine safety'.

Elsa – Great work in History.

Class 4

Ethan - for showing improved resilience in a range of learning areas.

Woody - for working hard to improve his swimming.

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Click here to watch our launch video!<https://youtu.be/vr_S4Qlj5EY>

From 1 - 26 August, eligible children and young people of Gloucestershire will be able to take part in exciting and fun activities across the county in the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF). Through match funding we have also been able to extend our offer once again to all families through the Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Bookings for activities will open from 11 July. Make sure you've got your Children's Activity Booking System (CABS) account ready in the meantime by following the link below:

<https://gloucestershirecounty.coordinate.cloud/account/register>

For more information you can visit our website at

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf<<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>> where you can stay up to date on news.

Food Hamper information for the summer

During the summer HAF which runs from 1 - 26 August, families eligible for benefits related free school meals will be able to book and receive two weeks of food hampers.

If you are currently receiving vouchers from the Holiday Free School Meal Voucher scheme, you are eligible to receive food hampers too.

As well as our hampers, delicious and nutritious food will be available at all HAF activity sites for children to enjoy.

This year, we are releasing our food box bookings in waves according to district to ensure we get as many eligible families as possible to book their food hamper. Please see below for more information about your district offer:

Forest of Dean

If you live in Forest of Dean, you can book your food hampers now and up until 7 July using the link below:

<https://gloucestershirecounty.coordinate.cloud/project/31682>

Bookings will close at 12pm on 11 July

Children and young people with strict dietary requirements if one or more of your children have a strict dietary requirement which may limit their access to a food hamper, follow the link below to find out more and apply to our alternative offer.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/children-and-young-people-with-send/>

Our priority is to make sure all eligible families have an opportunity to book food hampers to support them over the summer period. Please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns at HAFparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk<<mailto:HAFparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk>>

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.