

Steam Mills Primary

15.07.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hot Weather

We are prepared for the heatwave and will ensure that children are kept as cool as possible. Please remember that all children require sun cream to be applied before school and also a supply in their bag so that they can top it up themselves at lunchtime. Sun hats must be worn and please remember water bottles each day.

Prostars Club

Please note that today is the last Prostars Club of the year and the club will not be running at all next week.

Outcomes

Well done to all children and staff for their efforts throughout another challenging school year! We commit to providing a rich and varied curriculum (e.g. visitors, trips, sporting events as well as the curriculum in each subject) and to our caring ethos. Working with colleagues in other schools and through our WGSP partnership has been rewarding and National assessments show that Steam Mills and Woodside Primary Schools continue to do really well compared to Gloucestershire and National standards. Please see the website for details (Parents-Results). Well done everyone!

Sponsored walk

We are keeping a careful eye on the weather during this heatwave and will let you know on Monday 18th July if the sponsored walk is going ahead.

Reports

All reports should have been sent home now this week, please check your child's bag. This year, the reports are via Insight Tracker as staff can comment, alongside the tracker-based information being newly reported to you. As this is a new way of reporting, we would appreciate your feedback, so please email your child's teacher; speak to a member of staff or email admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk. Your feedback will inform next year's reporting and will be welcomed. All children will have an attendance summary and specific year groups have assessment sheets depending on National assessments (eg Phonics, KS2 tests etc).

Y6 Leavers Assembly

All Y6 families (**only**) are welcome to join us in the Hall at 2pm on Tuesday 19th July.

Diary Dates

July

- 15th FoSM Summer Fayre 4pm
- 19th Y6 Leavers Service 2pm (Y6 families only)
- 20th Sponsored Walk -Last Day of Term 9:45am – 12:30pm or 3:15pm
- 21st Inset Training Day

September

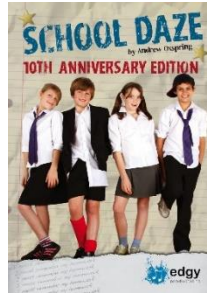
- 5th Inset Training Day – Staff Phonics Training Class 1 home visits (p.m)
- 6th Start of Term 1 Class 3 Start Swimming Class 1 home visits (p.m)
- 26th C4 visit to Bletchley Park
- 30th Reception-Year 6 Nasal Flu Immunisations

October

- 5th Tempest Individual and sibling photos (a.m) In the Net Production for Y5 pupils (p.m)
- 21st Inset Training Day
- 24th Half Term Holiday
- 31st Start of Term 2

Class 4 performance

Well done to all involved-it was a pleasure to watch children confidently perform and entertain everyone. We are all very proud of you!



Cinderford Library – Summer Reading Challenge

A representative from Cinderford Library visited school yesterday and talked to the children about this year's reading challenge. Please find attached information.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Head Teacher Certificates



Pre-school

Charlie W – for trying and enjoying new experiences at Pre-school.

Adam – for showing confidence transitioning to Class 1.

Class 1

Winnie & Billy - both for: fantastic effort this week.

Elora - for her presentation of work, especially with her writing.

Class 2

Luca and Frankie - fantastic team work on their animal fact file

Class 3

Evie - a great use of description and similes.

Beatrice - a great non-chronological report.

Class 4

Riley C – for stepping into a play role at the last minute.

Finley D – for singing his heart out at the Leavers Performance.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – we have been making potions during our water play, mixing coloured water with flower petals. We have also been creating flags to go in our sand castles and talked about freezing and melting using ice-cream and frozen blocks.

Class 1 - this week we have been doing a lot of water play, which the children have loved in this weather. We have also been looking at how we grow and develop as people, looking at what we couldn't do before without help and what we have now learnt to do independently, such as brushing our teeth.

Class 2 – this week, Class 2 have been presenting their finished fact files to the rest of the class. They were all very brave to come up in their pairs and speak to the whole class about an animal that they had researched themselves. We heard some great information about tigers, dogs, flamingos, spiders and pigs to name a few!

Class 3 - this week, Class 3 have been busy writing non-chronological reports to showcase their learning about Local Industry. They were all fabulous and remembered lots from our trip. The children have also enjoyed finishing our class Guided Reading text, 'An Alien in the Jam Factory'.

Class 4 – this week Class 4 enjoyed performing at the Leavers play. The whole school was able to watch the performance in the morning followed by the matinee performance and then evening show. 3 shows in 1 day! Children have also been making Mayan masks using mod-roc this week and preparing Mexican food.

Y5 Super Learning Day – Five Acres

The Year 5's enjoyed their day visiting Five Acres High School on Wednesday. Here is a little photo from the day.



Rugby Summer Camps

Please find attached information from Cinderford Rugby Club for their summer camps.

St Whites Active Camp

We are running a holiday course in the area (based at St White's Primary School in Cinderford) and we have free places available to eligible children as part of the "Holidays Activities and Food" programme (HAF).

There is a flyer attached, this is free to eligible pupils in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

If you require Breakfast Club and/or After School Club for the next school year, please could you complete **a new booking form**. I have attached to this newsletter, a copy of the Regular Booking Form and the Single Session Booking Form, these are also available from reception. If possible, please complete and return to Miss Agg before **Monday 18th July 2022**.

ParentPay – End of School Year

As we approach the end of the school year, please could parents/carers check their ParentPay accounts are clear. If your child is leaving the school and you require a balance refund of any unused credit, please contact Miss Agg.

Have a wonderful summer break, we wish our leavers all the very best in the next exciting stage of their education and we look forward to seeing our other children return on Tuesday 6th September!



A big THANK YOU! to FoSM for organising and running the Summer Fayre today.

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.