

# Steam Mills Primary

25.10.2024

Dear Parents/Carers

## Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of your wonderful donations for our Harvest Festival collection this week. The Forest Foodbank collected them yesterday and will forward to those needing support in the community.



## Forest School for Pre-school and Class 1

Forest School will be continuing for Term 2 on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their wellingtons and waterproof coat as usual. Thank you.

## Breakfast Club & After School Club Bookings

All regular bookings will be rolled over for Term 2. Please let Miss Agg know if you have any changes to your usual days.

## AiP New Menus

We have new menus for after the half-term break. All choices have been uploaded to ParentPay and are ready for booking. Please ensure you order before the 48-hour cut-off. Thank you.

LUNCH Week 1					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
On menu: Fish & Chips	Chicken Curry	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	Roast Chicken in Tomato Sauce	Meat & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	
Chicken Curry with Rice	BBQ Chicken with Mushrooms & Potatoes	Meat of the Day with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spiced Chicken Fajitas	Meat & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	
		Daily vegetables served			
Beany Vegetable Muffin	Cheese & Lime Cake	Autumn Fruit Sherbet	Old & Lemon Cheesecake	Berry Pudding	
		Fruit & Yogurt			

LUNCH Week 3					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
On menu: Chicken & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	On menu: Fish & Chips	Homemade Chicken Pie & Onion Gravy	
Friday Roast Beef & Onion Pie	Meat & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	Meat of the Day with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meat & Potato Bake	Fruit & Cheese Bake with Onion Gravy	
		Daily vegetables served			
Beany Vegetable Muffin	Autumn Fruit Pudding	Spiced Fruit Mince Pie	Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with Custard	Orange & Lemon Sherbet	
		Fruit & Yogurt			

LUNCH Week 2					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Meat & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	BBQ Chicken with Mushrooms & Potatoes	Chicken & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	Chicken & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	
Fruit & Cheese Bake with Onion Gravy	Chicken & Potato Bake with Onion Gravy	Meat of the Day with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Mushrooms & Potatoes	Fruit & Cheese Bake with Onion Gravy	
		Daily vegetables served			
Fruit & Cheese Bake with Onion Gravy	Fruit & Cheese Bake with Onion Gravy	Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with Custard	Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with Custard	Orange & Lemon Sherbet	
		Fruit & Yogurt			

## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> September-20<sup>th</sup> December  
**Half Term**

28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November

### Spring term 2025

6<sup>th</sup> January-11<sup>th</sup> April

### Half Term

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February

### Summer Term 2025

28<sup>th</sup> April-21<sup>st</sup> July

### Half Term

26<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May

### INSET days:

25<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> April and 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Diary Dates (incl. Federation activities)

4<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 2

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

12<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Trip to Bletchley Park

14<sup>th</sup> Reading Café by invite only

15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – non-uniform wear something spotty

Teams 4 U Shoebox collection

22<sup>nd</sup> FoSM Christmas Wreath making from 4:30pm

29<sup>th</sup> FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – items for Christmas Fayre Tombola

## December

4<sup>th</sup> Whole school Panto

9<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Play Rehearsal

10<sup>th</sup> Pre-school trip to Christmas Show

11<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Play Performances for parents 9:30am and 5:00pm

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

18<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service at Church – 2pm for Classes 2-4 only

19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties

20<sup>th</sup> Carol Service & End of Term 2

## January

6<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day

7<sup>th</sup> Start of Term

22<sup>nd</sup> Rags 2 Riches Collection

## Reminder - Secondary School Application

The closing date for secondary school applications is approaching – **31 October 2024**. There are a number of parents who have not entered their preferences to Gloucestershire County Council.

Please apply online here: [Transfer to Secondary School or from Middle to High School, September 2025 | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Parents/carers with queries can contact the team on either [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or 01452 425407.

## Remembrance Day

We are hoping to mark Remembrance Day with the sale of Poppies and other Poppy Appeal merchandise again this year. We will hopefully let you know the details the first week back after half term. Thank you



## Teams 4 U

The school is taking part in the Teams 4 U shoebox charity collection once again this year. All children should have brought home a leaflet which gives all the information needed. The charity is happy to accept complete shoebox donations or separate items that would be suitable. Please could all donations be handed in by **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. You can find more information here: <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>  
Thank you

## Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November with a non-school uniform day and, if possible, by wearing something spotty! We have limited amounts of Pudsey Ears (£2.50) and Pudsey Wristbands (£1) to purchase if children would like to support the charity. No other donation is required for this day.



## 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 Halloween play has taken over! We have been hammering golf tees into different sized pumpkins, developing our fine motor skills, concentrating, and talking about size. At the end of the week, we carved the pumpkins scooping out the middle and adding faces which the children all did really well! We have made potions using different coloured water and sized tubs, pouring and filling. We have done lots of dancing, pumpkin printing with apples and created pictures of cauldrons. On Thursday, we had an exciting visit from the Fire Brigade and the children got to speak to the fire fighters, try on the coats and helmets, sit inside the fire engine and spray the hose pipes across the school field. We hope you have a lovely half-term break!

**Class 1** – exciting week! The children met Harold the giraffe and did some learning about how to take care of ourselves, which tied in nicely with the learning we have been doing in class about staying healthy, by exercising, eating healthy and taking care of our teeth.



## Star of the Week Certificates



### Pre-school

**Georgie** - for her creative, imaginary ideas during 'making a potion' play.

**Freddie** - for using tools with confidence and developing his fine motor skills whilst hammering golf tees into a pumpkin.

### Class 1

**Oak** - for his focus during phonics.

**Toby** - for engaging well with new routines.

**George** - for engaging well with new routines.

**Star readers: Rosie, Oak & Reggie**

### Class 2

**Calypso** - showing wonderful resilience and effort in everything she does.

**Aakelah** - a great 'can do' attitude in maths.

### Class 3

**Sybil** - for increased confidence during class discussions.

**Esmee-Rose** - for always being cheerful, kind and helpful.

### Class 4

**Kryspin** - for excellent effort in Guided Reading.

**Isla-Mae** - for an excellent effort with her maths homework.



Thursday, we had some very special guests, which again tied in nicely with our previous learning of community heroes. The children were given a talk about the responsibilities of a Fire Fighter and were given some advice on how to keep ourselves safe at home. We then all got the opportunity to explore the fire engine and have a go with the fire hose. In phonics we learnt 'h,b' and HFW's are 'up, mum, put, ha, oh, hi, his, big, has'. Your children were sent home with a phase 2 sound mat and some words to help them practise blending. You may have also noticed the handwriting booklet to have a go at too, to support or children with their pencil grip.

**Class 2** - what a busy week in Class 2! It has gone by very quickly! We finished our writing sequence based on Lubna and Pebble this week and the children were very excited to take their pebble home - with many of them making houses for their pebble. They have also finished a sequence based on the poem Ride-By Nights. On Wednesday, we were so excited to see Harold the Giraffe again and have a learning session based on feelings. The children also invited their parents in to do some autumn owl crafting with them. Thank you to all the parents who came to this and please keep an eye on your eSchools accounts as I will be sharing another date for next term soon! On Thursday morning, we were very lucky that the fire engine could come to visit us! The children had so much fun and were buzzing with excitement. They asked some very well-thought-out questions too!



**Class 3** had an exciting week completing their cave art work. They made positive and negative relief handprints and then drew their charcoal animals onto their cave walls. They also painted pumpkin pictures in the afternoon as a class treat. In writing, they wrote excellent Haiku poems about magic and Autumn, which some children read in the Food Bank assembly. They have worked so hard this term and settled in very well to Y3/4. I hope they have a lovely half term.

**Class 4** have enjoyed their last week of term! They have written their newspaper articles and the staff were really impressed with the results and the effort the children put in. In science, the children finished off their investigations linked to electricity and were all able to draw from their results to write clear conclusions. In DT, the children finished their Morse code boxes and were very proud of their results; after half term, they will start a music unit on Wednesday afternoons. PE will continue to be Yoga on Thursdays and Prostars on Fridays. To note, the children have not been set any grammar, maths or knowledge organiser homework and we hope they have a restful half term 😊

## FoSM Christmas Wreath Making – 22<sup>nd</sup> November

All children should have brought home this flyer yesterday from FoSM. Please ask at the school office if you need another copy.

SPREAD THE WORD!  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN ORDER TOO

# CHRISTMAS WREATHS

JOIN THE FUN & HELP MAKE THEM  
FROM 4.30PM ON 22ND NOV

FRIENDS OF STEAM MILLS  
WILL BE RAISING FUNDS BY SELLING  
BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE WREATHS  
FOR CHRISTMAS

ORDER YOURS TO COLLECT FROM  
SCHOOL ON 25TH NOVEMBER

**£10 PER WREATH**

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Name .....

I would like to order.....wreath(s) at £10 each. Total cost £.....

I would like to help make wreaths on 22nd Nov – Yes / No

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MISS AGG IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 19TH  
NOVEMBER WITH FULL PAYMENT IN CASH

Some of last year's creations –



## Staff Vacancies

We currently have a number of staff vacancies, these can be found on our website here:

[https://www.steammillsprimary.co.uk/website/current\\_vacancies/431324](https://www.steammillsprimary.co.uk/website/current_vacancies/431324)



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**