

Steam Mills Primary

29.04.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 5, so lovely to see the children back after the Easter break, we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful time.

Diary Dates

We have updated the dates section so that you can plan time etc. You are most welcome to join us for the following events (details to follow):

- Jubilee celebrations - Friday 26th May at 2:15pm
- Sports Day - Friday 17th June
- Sponsored walk - Friday 24th June

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion has informed us that the sale of poppies and other items raised £197.43 and the district total was £1822.19. Thank you for your kind donations.

C3 & C4 trip Gloucester Mosque & Cathedral - Mon 27th Jun

Unfortunately, the trip planned for Mon 27th June clashes with the Dene Magna induction week for Y6 children. Although it is unlikely that we can change the date of the trip, we will find out and keep you updated.

In the meantime, Y6 parents of the children involved are advised not to pay for the trip yet.

COVID isolation update

From 1st April, children and young people and staff who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they feel well enough. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Class Snippets

There is a nature theme to this week's news!

Pre-school have been planting sunflower seeds and are going to find out which will grow the tallest. They have also enjoyed helping to put new bark around the sand pit area.

Diary Dates

May

- 2nd Bank Holiday
- 6th C3 Trip to Edgehills Enclosure
- 9th-12th KS2 SATS
- 13th Tempest Class Photos & Leavers Photos
- 17th Rags2Riches collection Reception and Year 6 NHS Screening
- 26th Last Day of Term Jubilee Celebrations FoSM Non-school Uniform Day
- 27th Inset Training Day Bowling Club open sessions – children welcome from 3pm

June

- 6th Start of Term 6
- 7th Class 3 start Gymnastics
- 15th C3 Trip to Clearwell Caves & Hopewell Colliery
- 17th Sports Day
- 24th Sponsored Walk
- 27th C3&C3 Trip to Gloucester Mosque & Cathedral

July

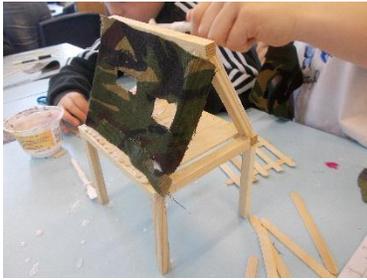
- 4th&6th Y5/6 Residential – South Cerney
- 12th Leavers Play – matinee & evening
- 13th Y5 Super Learning Day – Five Acres High
- 15th FoSM Summer Fayre
- 20th Last Day of Term – FoSM Non-uniform Day
- 21st Inset Training Day

Class 1 have been making Miss Byrnes feel very welcome! They have had a great week and must be impressing her as they have won 8 class stars! They are starting to grow pumpkins, carrots and beans with help from Mrs Evans.

Class 2 have also been busy planting seeds, so we look forward to seeing green shoots from the tomato, cucumber, cress and sunflower seeds.

Class 3 have considered the areas around the school which need improvement and have taken advice from Mr Drewitt. Top soil and compost has been distributed around the planters and children have planted seed bombs for wild flowers.

Class 4 made fantastic bird hides at the end of Term 4, so all in all we are doing our bit to encourage nature at the moment! Here are some pictures –



We are hoping to encourage wild growth and insects around two edges of the grassed area, by leaving a wide strip of grass uncut. Let's see how long the grass can get!

Rights Respecting- Earth Day

Earth Day took place on 22nd April and is a day dedicated to show the protection for the environment. We have discussed Articles 6 and 24- the right to life and survival and children's access to clean water and environment.

Over the next few months, we will be exploring ways to improve the school environment. It would be great to think about ways to protect the environment together at home.

Paper Usage – Cost to school/environment

We have decided to make a change to the way that we administer the information and permission for school trips. The aim is to reduce our paper usage and we will in future send trip letters out to parents/carers electronically via an eSchools email. There will be a permission check via Parentpay when making payment and school will monitor this, rather than collect slips in. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any questions or if you need to update your email address information.

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Pre-school
Elliott – fantastic first week at Pre-school!
Briar-Rose – giving meaning to her marks and talking to her peers about what she had drawn.

Class 1
Dexter - for fantastic writing in English.
Winnie – brilliant blending with her sounds.

Class 2
Khloe – excellent attitude to learning.
Lily – giving everything her best shot.

Class 3
Maeve - excellent colour mixing for her kingfisher.
Jenson - good effort in all areas.

Class 4
Ben – huge improvement in learning attitude.
Aurelia - always listening to feedback and striving to improve.

Pre-school Appeal for items

Pre-school are looking for a wooden easel to enable them to pin notices up and Superhero figures for play. If anyone has items they are willing to donate, Pre-school would be very grateful.

Uniform etc.

Please could we remind parents to ensure that children are dressed appropriately for school. Our uniform is a burgundy jumper/cardigan with white or burgundy polo shirt and plain black or grey trousers/skirts. Shoes must be flat and black, no sandals, heels or trainers. Jewellery must not be worn and earrings limited to small stud earrings only.

Rags to Riches

Our next collection is Tuesday 17th May. Please do keep us in mind if you are having a sort out. Please place items in bags and bring to school on the morning, first-thing as the collection is usually 9:15 am. Acceptable items are listed here; [What We Collect - Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools](#) Thank you.

Icepacks

Please could you return any school first aid icepacks that make their way home with children. We are finding this is becoming very costly to the school to keep replenishing stock.

Car Park

There has been a report of children running around the main car park at home time. Please could all parents keep a close eye on children in their care and ensure that they are not put in any danger. Thank you

Denmark Road Open Day

Please find attached a flyer from Denmark Road School detailing open Days for Year 5 pupils during May.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school. It is advisable to contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis