



Steam Mills Primary

09.06.2023



Dear Parents/Carers

The school held a very special assembly on Monday afternoon to celebrate and share some fantastic news! We are incredibly proud to say that we have been awarded the Gold RRSA following our accreditation visit in March. The children spoke with the assessor confidently about the rights of a child and they demonstrated a secure understanding of children's rights, how they enjoy them in school and made lots of links to their learning. This is a huge success as we are one of the only schools in Gloucestershire to have been on the Rights Respecting journey and the only school in the area to be awarded the Gold accreditation.



Thank you to Mrs Molyneux who made Gold Cupcakes for everyone to enjoy; Children, Staff, School Council parents and Governors.



Well done to Mrs Gibbs, our Rights Respecting Lead, and the whole school on this great achievement.

School Hours

To bring the school into line with current Government guidance, the school start time will be changing from September 2023.

Children will be welcome to come into the school grounds from 8:40am and will need to be ready to go into their classrooms at **8:45am**. Pick-up time will still be 3:15pm. Pre-school start time remains unchanged at 9:00am and pick-up is 3:00pm.

School Calendar 22/23

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

June

- 16th Sports Day
Mad Hatters Tea Party Lunch
- 28th- New class (Sep 23) Taster
- 29th Mornings
- 30th FoSM Non-school Uniform Day

July

- 7th Summer Fayre (details to follow)
- 12th Extra Come and Play session for new Class 1 Reception
- 13th Disco (details to follow)
- 14th Reports being sent home
- 19th KS2 Leavers Dress rehearsal and Evening Performance - 5pm
- 20th KS2 Leavers Morning Performance - 9:30am
- 21st Leavers Service 1:30pm
- 24th Inset Day
- 25th Inset Day

September

- 4th Inset Day
- 5th Start of Term 1

December

- 6th Pantomime - Classes 1-4 (Article 29- develop a child's talents).



FoSM Meeting

There will be a FoSM Meeting at school on Monday 12th June at 3:15pm. Please do come along if you are able to offer help, the Summer Fayre taking place on Friday 7th July going to be discussed.

Non-School Uniform Day

There will be a FoSM Non-school Uniform Day on Friday 30th June. Please could we ask that donations are a jar filled with sweets for the Summer Fayre. Thank you.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you all for your kind donations of Sponsor Money, the total raised so far is an amazing £1410.75. We will continue to accept money in as soon as you can get this into us. We think this is a record year for the total raised, we really do appreciate all of your efforts in supporting this event. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for next year's walk or feedback from this year.

Sports Day – Friday 12th June

Our annual Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 16th June. Parents are welcome to join us on the big field (over the stream) for the morning. Pre-school and KS1 will be taking part in events up until approximately 10:30am and KS2 will be taking part in their events from approximately 10:30am up until lunchtime. Any Pre-school children that do not normally attend Pre-school on a Friday are welcome to join Pre-school for their events, please just let Kelly or Laura know to expect you.

FoSM will be providing cold drinks throughout the morning, if you wish to purchase and you are welcome to bring chairs and something for shade as there is not much in the way of natural shade out on the field.

Children will return to school for their Mad Hatters Tea Party Lunch. We hope this will be outside but may be in the hall if too hot or if it rains.

Tempest Class Photos

Please note that you can take advantage of the free delivery to school option up until Monday 19th June 2023. If you order after this date, you will be charged for delivery.

School Gates

Please can we remind children and parents/carers not to prop open the gate at home time. This is an important safeguarding issue. Also, please do not park in front of and obstruct the large gates at the KS1 and KS2 gates.

School Lunches

Please remember to contact the school office first thing in the morning if you have not been able to book your child a lunch on ParentPay and have not provided a packed lunch for the day. We order in all food for each day and have very limited food to spare at lunch-time.

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 recalled our half term break and talked about the different activities we got up to! With Sports Day being next Friday, we have started to practise on the field the different



Star of the Week Certificates



Class 1

Billy - for his amazing effort with his writing, before and after half term.

Class 1: for showing resilience and perseverance during the sponsored walk

Class 2

Evie - for using her phonics knowledge in her writing.

Chester - for using great inference skills in our English lesson.

Class 3

Brandon - for applying a range of Y3 grammar in his writing.

Sofia - for always putting in 100% effort into her classwork.

Class 4

Oscar (Y5) – for great use of bar models with converting fractions.

Tiffany – for a great effort writing her journalistic report.

aces we will be taking part in. We have also read the story Jungle Run book which talks about the importance of taking part and having fun! With the sun shining, we have been having lots of water play outside! We have also enjoyed car ramps, role play and starting to talk about our Dads and why they are special to us.

Class 1 - This week the children have been working hard to compose sentences using tricky words. Not only are they having to think of their sentence completely independently, they then need to use their phonics knowledge and skills to write them!

This week we made Jam sandwiches!!! They worked beautifully well together and have used this experience to write instructions.

Class 2 - This week the year 1s and 2s started Forest School. This is the first time that many of the Year 2s have ever been to Forest School and they all behaved so well. Mrs Evans and Miss Chamberlin were very impressed with their behaviour and attitude during the session. This term we are going to Forest school as part of our DT lessons; we will be trying to make picture frames from sticks. In preparation for this, many children started whittling this week - this was a very hard skill to learn, however, they were very resilient and all worked sensibly using sharp tools to whittle their sticks. We are excited to take them again next week and the children seemed very sad to leave the Forest School site.



Class 3 - What a fantastic start to the final term! Class 3 began gymnastics this week and the coach complimented them on this amazing listening skills. They made me very proud and I was impressed by the children's perseverance to try a range of new equipment at the gymnastics centre. We also heard strange noises coming from the walls in the classroom this week, as we started our new writing text, The Wolves in the Walls. The children wrote letters of advice to Lucy about how to rescue her pig-puppet toy from the house. In maths, Year 3 children have started a unit on money and Year 4s are working on perimeter. The Year 4 children also completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week and have been working hard to learn all of the times table facts up to 12 x 12!

Class 4 have had a busy first week after Half Term. We have started to sort the KS2 Production out – 'I'm an 11-year-old, get me out of here!' Casting is now sorted and the children now know their parts and are starting to learn their lines – they are very excited about this and have been very entertained by some of the songs. Again, thank you to FOSM for funding this new production. The children are also learning about Myths and Legends and are looking forward to writing their own adventure stories this term. RSE has started in C4 so please be aware the children may come home with questions around this topic in PSHE. If you have any questions around what will be covered, please speak to Miss Barber, who will be teaching this unit, this term.

RRSA

June is Pride month. This week, in assembly the children read a book called Twas The Night Before Pride and discussed what Pride means. The children talked about Article 2- the right to non-

discrimination and Articles 12 and 13- the right to speak out and be listened to. Children discussed the link with equality from the British Values and how everyone should be allowed to be who they want to be.

HAF

Please find attached details of the Activities and Free School Meal Programme for the summer holidays.

Denmark Road

Attached are details of open days at Denmark Road High School for current Year 4 and 5 pupils. There is an open morning on Tuesday 20th June and ones on 9th & 10th October 2023.

Gloucester Ski & Snowboard Centre

Please find attached activity details for anyone interested in Skiing and Snowboarding.

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.