



Steam Mills Primary

24.03.2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings will be taking place on Monday 27th March (Class 2 only) and Tuesday 28th March (Classes 1, 3 and 4), between 3:30pm and 6:15pm in the School Hall. The booking system is now live and closes the day before each Parents Evening. If you have any issues booking your child a slot, please contact Miss Agg. Please also note that appointments are strictly 10 minutes per child.

If you would like your appointment to include a discussion with Miss Barber (SEN), we would be grateful if you could send an email to admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk to request.

Pre-school have recently sent out a letter to all Pre-school parents detailing the arrangements for their Parents Evenings on Tuesday 21st March and Tuesday 28th March in the School Hall including details of how to book. **(Article 5- Family guidance as children develop)**

Drop & Go Track

Apologies for the current condition of the track. We are hopeful that the necessary completion of our resurfacing will be completed on Sunday 26th March. Thank you again to Mr Hancock and Mr Dickinson for this work.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please let Miss Agg know if your regular booking days are changing at all next term? If we don't hear from you, we will assume that the usual bookings are to be carried over. Also, if your arrangements change and you know that you do not require your booked session on any given day, please could you **email or call to cancel the space**, giving a much notice as possible. We have had a few instances recently where parents/carers needing a last minute place have had to be turned down as they provision is full, only for children with regular bookings to not attend. We would like to keep this service flexible and for parents/carers to only be charged for the sessions that their children attend, however we will keep this under review and may need to go back to booking and paying for the place in advance if no shows keep occurring. **(Article 24- the right to food)**

FoSM

The next FoSM meeting will now be after the Easter holiday, we will let you know the date asap. Reminder that it is a FoSM non-school uniform day on Friday 31st March - £1 donation per child please.

FoSM will also be running an Easter egg raffle for the children next week. Year 4 pupils will be selling tickets in the afternoons all next week, £1 a ticket. **(Article 3- Best interests of the children at the heart of decisions)**

School Calendar 22/23

Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

Term 5

17th April to 26th May

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

March

27th Parents Evenings – Class 2 only

28th Parents Evenings –Class 1, 3&4

31st FoSM Non-school Uniform Day

Last Day of Term 4

April

3rd Easter Holidays- (Article 30- children have the right to a religion)

17th Start of Term 5

19th Class 3 Trip to Caerleon Roman Fortress (Article 29)

May

5th Coronation Celebrations – details to follow from FoSM

12th School Class Photos & Leavers Photos

16th Rags to Riches- (Article 27- the right to clothing)

26th Sponsored Walk (details to follow) (Article 31- relax and play)



Collection time at School

Please could we ask parents/carers to park and come into the school playground to collect their children. The staff are not very happy to send children out to the parking area to meet you at your car due to our safeguarding responsibility. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.

Earth Hour - Saturday 25th March 8:30-9:30

This Saturday is Earth Hour. This is an annual event where all electronics are switched off for an hour to help save the planet from climate change. Think about some activities you could do together that does not involve electricity. See the link below for more information.

Article 27- children have the right to a clean environment.

[Earth Hour: small actions can make a big difference | WWF](#)

Reading Certificates

For completing Reading Challenges in class

Ava (Class 2)
Ariana (Class 2)
Poppy (Class 2)
Carla (Class 2)

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 – We started the week by talking about our Mother's Day experiences and how we celebrated. The drier, warmer days have helped us to explore the Pre-school and school gardens for signs of spring, taking photos on the iPads and comparing flowers at different stages. We have also enjoyed painting outdoors. There was no celebration assembly this week but the following children received a certificate: Daphne - detailed drawings and independent craft ideas. Aakelah - creative ideas and using materials independently.

Class 1 - This week we have been learning about plastic pollution in the ocean and what we can do to help. The children have demonstrated a clear understanding of this complex subject, whilst displaying their empathy for the sea creatures. This week's sound is Tricky Witch 'oi', with the HFW 'day, play, away and children'. We have also been observing our bean plants, to help us with our bean plant diaries. There was no celebration assembly this week but the following children received a certificate: Charlie for being amazing at gymnastics and Alfie P for being super brave at swimming.

Class 2 - Last Friday, Class 2 were very excited to finally go to Cotswold Wildlife Park! We saw lots of animals, including some Australian animals. The children were all very well behaved and enjoyed their day out. They asked great questions on their learning talks and were very respectful to everyone in the park. The Year 1's were lucky to see a very grumpy lion, we even heard him roaring at the men who were building his enclosure. This week, we continued to learn about Australia and have looked in detail at some unusual animals that live in the country. The children were very enthusiastic to learn about the size of the animals and we enjoyed watching some videos of them running and jumping. The children in Class 2 have also been creating a story based on our class book The Journey Home. Many children used beautiful adjectives and thought carefully about their word choices when writing. There was no celebration assembly this week but the following children received a certificate: Edward - great improvement in handwriting! Khloe-Mae - brilliant behaviour on the trip last week.



Skills for Learning, Learning for Life



Class 3 have enjoyed designing and making their own volcanoes. They have thought about the features of volcanoes and developed team work skills. They will be testing and evaluating the models next week! In writing, they have amazed me with their application of grammar and their imaginations to write their own fairy tales. A huge well done, Class 3.

Class 4 have been working hard this week. The children have nearly completed their Monet art work and there has been some lovely collaboration to achieve some great pieces of work. Some children have chosen to work independently and in doing so, have worked on their resilience to achieve a piece of work they are proud of. In English, children are planning their 'next chapters' for The Viewer – they have some good ideas and it will be interesting to see what they have planned for Tristan's fate. Team work during play times has really improved this week – children are making more of an effort to ensure all children are being included, which has been great to see.

Rights Respecting – Article of the Week

Article 35 - Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation

Chairs and Tables

We still have 5 children's chairs and 4 tables looking for a new home. Please contact Miss Agg if you are interested in any of these items.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

We would like to give every eligible family the opportunity to experience the fantastic support available from the Holiday Activities and Food programme, so making sure they're HAF ready when booking opens on 16 March is really important to us.

Previously, most activity bookings have been taken up in the first few days of bookings going live and we don't want any families to miss out. It is available for children who receive benefits related free school meals and are in reception to year 11.

We have attached a flyer for your information, there are fantastic opportunities available this spring holiday. **(Article 24- the right to food, clothing and clean air)**

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.