



# Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Rags 2 Riches

Thank you so much for all your kind donations for our Rags 2 Riches collection. We had an amazing 240.8kg and raised £120.40 for FoSM and the school. The next collection date will be 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## Cinderford Academy Band

We had a lovely visit from Cinderford Band yesterday, they came and played some tunes for all of the children and explained that they are able to offer free tuition with instrument hire to children from 7 years of age. There is a flyer coming home with your child today, should you wish to pursue this great opportunity.



## Sponsored Walk – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Just to remind you all that the sponsored walk day on Friday is a half day to all children in classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 as per our letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and all children must be collected from The Glade, Beechenhurst by 12:30pm. The school made this decision based on the event last year, where all but a handful of parents/carers opted to collect children at lunchtime.

Please hand in all sponsor money into the school office as soon as possible. We also need to receive the slip which was with the letter to confirm **who will be collecting your child.**

There will be **no After School Clubs for any children on this day, including Pre-school children and the Prostars Club.**

**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 have looked closely at the number 10. We have explored different ways to make ten using our fingers, Numicon and number songs.

## School Calendar 22/23

### Term 5

17<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

5<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July

### Inset Days:

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July

### Bank Holidays in May

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

## Diary Dates

### May

26<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Walk (Article 31- relax and play)

### June

5<sup>th</sup> Rights Respecting assembly (a special announcement will be made)

8<sup>th</sup> New Reception Parent meeting at 5pm

16<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Mad Hatters Tea Party Lunch

28<sup>th</sup>- New class (Sep 23) Taster

29<sup>th</sup> Mornings

### July

7<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre (details to follow)

12<sup>th</sup> Extra Come and Play session for new Class 1 Reception

14<sup>th</sup> Reports being sent home

19<sup>th</sup> KS2 Leavers Dress rehearsal and Evening Performance - 5pm

20<sup>th</sup> KS2 Leavers Morning Performance – 9:30am

21<sup>st</sup> Leavers Service 1:30pm

24<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

25<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

### December

6<sup>th</sup> Pantomime – Classes 1-4 (Article 29- develop a child's talents.

We have also had a selection of fiction and non-fiction books about planting and caring for plants. The children have planted Sunflower seeds and will take them home and look after them over the holidays.

**Class 1** - This week, Class 1 have been working hard on their tricky words, and I have seen a HUGE improvement on the children's word recognition. The tricky words for this are 'house, out, about and time'. In maths, we have been learning to count on from a given number. This a complicated concept, but of course the children have smashed it! Our animal topic has moved on to looking about endangered animals and animals which are already extinct. We used Sir David Attenborough as a hook and have been writing him letters this week to thank him for his work over his career.

**Class 2** have been very impressive this week! We were invited to a KS2 assembly all about Florence Nightingale; the children wowed year 3,4,5 and 6 with their facts about Florence. They could all recall who she was, when she was born and why she was important. Some of the children even stood up to show their work, including a piece of work detailing the chronological timeline of her life. The children have also started some artwork in the style of L S Lowry this week; we will slowly be building on this week by week until we have a collage of work in his style.

**Class 3** have had a brilliant week writing an innovated narrative based on 'Leon and The Place Between'. They have created their own characters and written some amazing description to set the scene of the circus. The children have also been Roman spies this week in history. They explored why the Romans invaded Britain and reported back to Julius Caesar with reasons to invade. Well done, Class 3.

**Class 4** have been analysing journalistic reports this week in readiness for their final write up – the children will be challenging themselves with up-scaled vocabulary and shifts of formality. In DT, the children were able to start making their Greek inspired dishes and this went well – the children have done a great job with the ingredients and designing their own packaging. Y6 have been challenged with some Maths tasks this week which has allowed them to try a range of problem solving skills in readiness for Secondary school, as well as learning behaviours around independence, resilience and resourcefulness. Five Acres visited the Y6s that will be attending their school in September and they were impressed with the children; the children are looking forward to their next chapter. Dene Magna will be visiting the Y6s next Thursday.

### RRSA

A huge thank you to Class 2 this week for joining KS2 RRSA assembly to share their wonderful knowledge about Florence Nightingale. We learnt lots of interesting facts to celebrate International Nurses' Day and thought about the rights that link to the work of this significant figure.

### Wellingtons

Pre-school are in need of donations of spare wellingtons please, particularly size 9 and 10. If you have any, please drop into Pre-school or the school office. Many thanks.

### Star of the Week Certificates

#### Pre-school

**Benjamin** – settling so well into Pre-school.

**Ali** – coming into Pre-school with great confidence.

#### Class 1

**Zia** - for always working hard in maths.

**Robert** - for trying really hard to learn his tricky words.

#### Class 2

**Carla** - a fantastic start to a story about a dog who loses his bone.

**Sybil** - amazing telling of the time.

#### Class 3

**Amelia** - detailed answers in Guided Reading.

**Frankie** - working hard to crack formal multiplication.

#### Class 4

All Y6s were given a certificate for their effort in SATs.

### Reading Certificates

For completing Reading Challenges in class

Charlie, Joules, Zia & Winnie (Class 1)

Ariana (Class 3)

Maeve & Bertie (Class 3)

## **Library**

The library set up and is ready to go next week. We have chosen reading ambassadors to run the library at lunchtimes and children will be able to borrow a fabulous range of new books. We have been very lucky and want to say a huge thank you to FOSM for funding lots of lovely new books in conjunction with the school through Match Funding. We were also one of fifteen schools selected by the Read for Good scheme to receive some amazing titles for free!

If books are taken home and cannot be returned for any reason or are returned damaged, there will be a £5 charge made.

*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.*