

Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers

FoSM Summer Fayre

Thank you so much for your kind donations for the Summer Fayre. We look forward to welcoming you all later and will let you know a total raised next week. Thanks also to FoSM for their brilliant organisation and to the parent and other helpers that gave up their time to ensure we have as many stalls as possible.

From Five Acres High School: Year 5 Super Learning Days

We apologise that this information is coming with little notice but due to the uncertainty of industrial action and the subsequent strikes it has been difficult to create a plan for Year 5s.

The disruption this year has caused a lot of lost learning time this year for our students and therefore we are unable to offer Year 5 Super Learning Days. We are instead offering Year 5 Showcase afternoons where parents can bring their children to experience some activities in a range of subjects and also talk with the teachers and Head about the school. These will take place on Monday 10th July, Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday 12th July 1530-1705/

There are limited places for each session so we require parents who would like to come and learn more about the school to get booked on as soon as possible. An information letter is attached.

Please copy and paste into your browser.

<https://forms.gle/RhdYECBVcWoLiokE6>

School Discos

Tickets still on sale from the school office for next week's discos on **Thursday 13th July 2023**. £1 each.

KS1 Disco 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm (Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Pre-school and Reception parents to stay with their children please. **Year 1&2 parents to drop children off and leave, please ensure you are back promptly to collect.**

KS2 Disco 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Year 3 – Year 6) Parents

Drop children off and leave; please ensure you are back promptly to collect.

Tuckshop will be available, please no more than £2 per child to bring on the day.

Please can we ask, if at all possible, if you have siblings in the two different age groups that

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School Calendar 22/23

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

July

12th Extra Come and Play session for new Class 1 Reception

13th Disco

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 Training Day

25th Inset Training Day

September

4th Inset Training Day

5th Start of Term 1

20th Rags 2 Riches collection

October

3rd Tempest Individual/Sibling photos

11th Konflux Theatre visiting C3

30th Half-term Holiday

November

6th Inset Training Day

7th Start of Term 2

December

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

22nd Inset Training Day

25th Christmas Holidays

arrangements are made for them to be brought to their discos separately? We have very limited space in the school hall.

KS2 Performance letters for Classes 3 and 4

Please note the show days and times are – Evening Performance on 19th July at 5pm (children need to be in school at 4:30pm), Morning Performance on 20th July at 9:30am. Ticket allocation is not automatic, please contact the school office if you have not ordered your tickets.

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 – Pre-school are still at the “Seaside”! We have created ice-cream paintings, added sticker “scoops” to numbered ice-creams and engaged in lots of holiday role play. The children have also been performing lots of shows on the stage, exploring a wide variety of musical instruments and complete with some interval snacks!

Class 1 - this week Class 1 have been working hard on their tricky words and writing sentences using those tricky words. We have also been discussing our independence and things we are learning to do or will learn to do independently, such as swimming. This week in RE the children have been learning about special places and the children have made a special place in the classroom.

Class 2 – this week Class 2 visited the Sealife Centre in Birmingham. We visited because we had been learning about octopus in English. The children were a credit to the school and were very well behaved. Many of us touched a starfish which was very brave and exciting. It felt a lot tougher than we were expecting it to. The children also were excited to see penguins and the other sea creatures. It was a lovely day for us all; thank you to the parents who volunteered to come with us - we couldn't have done it without you! On Thursday, Mrs Evans spent the morning doing art and RE with the children. They all made beautiful art pieces based on the creation story. These will be on display in Class 2 when we hold our end of year celebration on Tuesday 18th.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Freya – forming an 'F' for her name.

Deja – forming the letters of her name independently.

Class 1

Isla - for showing great resilience on bump up days.

Evie - for always showing her friends kindness around school.

Class 2

Rowan - being inquisitive and asking great questions.

Edward - working hard to use great handwriting.

Class 3

Serenity - for settling in well to Steam Mills.

Cole - for focused work in maths.

Class 4

Nevaeh – for being lovely with the new reception children.

Charlie J – for an excellent effort in Maths.

Reading Certificates

For completing Reading Challenges in class

Evie & Charlie (Class 1)

Noa (Class 3)

Class 3 have worked hard on maths this week. The year 3 children have been finding unit and non unit fractions of numbers, as well as adding fractions. Year 4 children have been working on statistics to create and interpret different charts and graphs.

Gymnastics was brilliant again. Children are really increasing in confidence and skills using the equipment, which is lovely to see! Their handstand and forward roll skills are coming along well and this week they were walking backwards on the beam and turning upside down on the hoops!

Their viola performance went very well on Thursday and they showcased their brilliant learning on this string instrument. Well done!

Class 4 have had another busy week. Year 6s have been in and out with their new school transitions over the last couple of weeks and they have all really enjoyed themselves and are clearly very excited about the next chapter of their education. Year 6 have been busy with play rehearsals and the whole class have been busy writing their Odyssey-inspired adventure stories – the children have used their imaginations and there have been some interesting fates that have befallen their heroes. Next week, there will be a big push on play rehearsals so could parents please support children in rehearsing their lines and providing costumes. If you need support in acquiring a costume, please let the Class 4 team know. Tickets are also being sent out next week – have you ordered yours? Thank you.

Library challenge

This week, Holly from Gloucestershire Library Services visited to tell us about the brand new summer reading challenge. This year, the challenge is open from 22nd July to 15th September. There are 12 activities to complete with opportunities to earn bronze after 6 challenges, silver after 9 and gold after completing all 12. Every child who completes gold will earn a wooden laser cut medal and an escape room ticket for one adult and one child. The challenge this year includes a range of activities and there are opportunities for drumming sessions and silent discos at the Gloucestershire libraries so look out for exciting events!

Art with Artspace at Steam Mills Primary - Monday 17th July 2 - 4pm

'Come along and have a go at silk painting!

Explore patterns and symmetry, with lots of glorious colours and find out more about our new range of FREE, Multiply courses.

You'll also receive an 'Art pack' to take away with you which will include step-by-step activities sheets and all the materials you will need for some exciting activities you can do with the kids over the Summer.

The session will be broken into two parts with the first hour focussing on you having a go at the activity for yourself before picking up your child/ren at 3. You are then welcome to come back with your child/ren until 4 when you can share what you've learned with them and have a go at the activity with them. **Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.**

Monster Phonics Webinar

There is a monster phonics parent webinar scheduled for parents on 4th October. If you are interested in learning more about how we teach phonics you can reserve a place by opening the link below:

[Monster Phonics a Guide for Parents Tickets, Wed 4 Oct 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Sponsored Walk

Thank you all for your kind donations of Sponsor Money, the total raised is now an amazing **£1605.75!**

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 Lunches

Unfortunately the paid school meal price will be increasing again in **September to £2.54 per meal**. This increase is as a result of current food and energy costs. We have been able to minimise this increase with AiP so that it falls in-line with the current Gloucestershire County Schools price.

School Debt Policy – September 2023

New measures we are introducing from September are as follows.

- Bookings will only be accepted if Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club Accounts are in credit for each day booked.
- If your child is a “no show” or you have not given 24hrs notice, you will be still be charged for your child's place.
- If your child is not booked in for either service, you will be contacted and if we are oversubscribed, asked to collect your child.
- Accounts will be debited on the same day (BC) or next day (ASC) and not weekly.
- Childcare vouchers/tax free childcare payments should be **sent in advance** and your Parentpay account will then be credited ready for use.
- Breakfast club remains free of charge to those eligible for income/benefits based Free School Meals.

Updated regular booking forms will be sent home next week for regular users of the Breakfast Club and After School Club. Please could these be completed and returned before the end of the school year, where possible please, to reserve your places for September?

FSM Summer Holiday Scheme & HAF Scheme

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive 2 weeks of vouchers for the summer holiday at £15 per child per week. For the remaining 4 weeks of this holiday period, the HAF programme provides a meal for children attending the activities they are booked onto. For more information, please visit [Gloucestershire HAF](#) where you can also sign up to the Children's Activities Booking System (CABS).

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