



Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals etc.

Please could parents check if you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium.

Why should I apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal. You can also receive financial support with trips, holiday meal vouchers/schemes, some after school clubs, free school milk and access to our Breakfast Club.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

You can apply here:

<https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal>

Class Snippets

Pre-school – The children have used their mark making skills to add faces to pumpkins, spot pictures around the garden and use a tick list. They have enjoyed making lots of firework pictures using toilet roll tubes, bingo dabbers and rolling marbles or chestnuts in paint. We have also talked about staying safe on Bonfire Night.

School Calendar 22/23

Term 2

31st Oct to 16th Dec

Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th Feb

Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

Term 5

17th April to 26th May

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

3rd Jan, 24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

November

7th Remembrance Week

18th Children in Need Day

30th Workshop for Panto C1 & C2

December

1st C1-C4 Pantomime Trip

5th FoSM Wreath Collection Day

7th Visitor: Harold the Giraffe Life Education

9th Christmas Fayre – 2pm

12th Pre-school Pantomime Trip

13th Pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity Performances (9:30am and 5:00pm)

15th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

16th Christmas Parties & Carol Service – 1:30pm

January 2023

18th Reception & Y6 Screening Vision & Measuring height & weight

25th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

Rags to Riches Collection

Class 1 - This week, C1 have been focussing on how to keep our teeth healthy. We have been conducting experiments involving Coca Cola, Orange Juice and eggs, and we have been making predictions about what will happen to eggs overnight! Our final experiment involved covering an egg in toothpaste before submerging it in Orange Juice. We are waiting to see the results and a lot of children have already predicted that the toothpaste might protect the egg from the Orange Juice. We have had lots of fun, whilst broadening our vocabulary and knowledge of dental hygiene!

Class 2 - This week, Class 2 have been very busy! We started gymnastics this week - the children listened very well and all tried their best with the new exercises we were taught. I'm sure they all had achy arms when they got home. We have also been writing instructions this week in preparation for making a sandwich and baking some bread rolls.

Class 3 - This week, Class 3 experienced a virtual trip to the British museum in London. The children took part in a live zoom and explored some of the artefacts from the museum and the completed a quiz. The children really enjoyed this experience and showed the host of the zoom how amazing their Stone Age knowledge is! Well done, Class 3!

Class 4 - Class 4 have been great this week. The children had great fun conducting their electricity investigations and have started reading a new text in class, Friend or Foe; they got to play pass the parcel with the text uncovering clues as to what the text might be about... In History, the children had the opportunity to create their own propaganda posters promoting a war effort which resulted in some very creative ideas.

Bonfire Lunch

Thank you for booking your child's bonfire lunch today, we have had record numbers, second only to our usual Christmas Lunch uptake! Special thanks to Mrs Molyneux, Mr Holder and the lunchtime staff for making today's lunchtime such a lovely occasion. Here are a few photos:



Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Harvey – settling so well at Pre-school.

Poppy – for fabulous sharing.

Class 1

Texas-Rose - for her engagement in phonics - great blending skills.

Joules - for always being focussed in Maths.

Class 2

Esmee-Rose - for setting a brilliant example in her school values, always sitting and listening beautifully.

Annabelle - independently writing a list of ingredients needed to make a sandwich.

Class 3

Mollie - increased confidence in class discussions.

Isabelle - great understanding of themes and messages in our new text.

Class 4

Norah – for excellent predictions skills about the new C4 text

Jenson – for a great effort in his poetical performance

Remembrance Week – w/c 7th November 2022

Next week the school will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we have limited amounts of the following items which will be available for the children to purchase each day:

- Poppies – donation*
- Reflector Poppies - £1*
- Zip Pulls - £1*
- Silicon Wristbands - £1*
- Snap Bands - £1.50*



The children will also be honouring Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November with a whole school assembly, learning in class and a 2 minutes silence at 11 am.

Parking – Tuesday 15th November

Just to forewarn you, we are expecting quite a lot of visitors to the school on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th November. Please be prepared to park away from the school and walk. Thank you for your understanding.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

The School will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 18th November and we are asking children to support the theme this year, Be Spotacular, by wearing something spotty (don't worry too much if you do not have spots, normal non-school uniform will be fine). **£1 donation to Children in Need please.**



We will also have limited merchandise to purchase starting from **Monday 14th November:**

- Pudsey Ears £2.50*
- Blush Ears £2.50*
- Wrist Bands £1.00*

Teams4U Shoe Box Appeal – Friday 18th November

Each family should have received a leaflet this week to inform about the shoe box appeal that the school have signed up for again this year. Please do contribute if you can to this wonderful charity. If you would like to learn more about this charity, please take a look at the link below. Please hand your filled shoeboxes in by Friday 18th November. Many thanks.

<https://teams4u.com/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/T4U-Romania-Shoebox-2021.mp4>

Young Voices

All parent tickets and children's t-shirts have been ordered and Miss Agg will inform you when these are ready for collection from the school office. Please ensure that you go onto ParentPay to pay for your child's contribution to the cost of the coach, £12.50. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any questions.

Here is also a link for the songs for children to practice at home if they wish and we have attached further instructions:

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=MYgpp4E5pCRbTFiG>

FoSM Parent Coach – Young Voices

FoSM are looking into booking a coach for the parents to travel up to the Young Voices concert. Please could you contact Louise Bent if you are interested in taking up this offer, the cost would be £8.50 each.

Email: mikerbent@btinternet.com

Prostars Christmas Holiday Club

Please find attached a flyer from Prostars.

Uniform Donation – Forest Pulse

We have received a kind donation of some new and unused uniform from the Forest Pulse charity, please come to the school office if you would like any items free of charge.

Black or Grey Unisex Trousers Age 3, Age 5, Age 8, Age 9, Age 10, Age 11
Grey Skirts Size 32"

Booking Lunches

Please could you check that lunches are booked on ParentPay for your child ready for the school week. There were a number of meals not booked this week, please keep in mind that we only have a limited amount of spare food each day.

Winter HAF 2022 is coming!

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) will be returning this December to provide you with exciting, festive holiday fun for your family. See below for all the information you need to know.

Click here to watch our latest HAF video! <<https://youtu.be/4Fk3OI8zuSc>>

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a Department for Education funded initiative to provide free activities and food for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

When is HAF happening?

HAF will be running for 4 days between 19-22 December.

When will bookings go live?

HAF bookings will go live from 1 December

What do I need to do in the meantime?

To make sure you're ready to book your activities this December, you need to need to do the following things:

1. Make sure you're registered on our Children's Activity Booking Site (CABS). This is important as this is the booking system you will use to book your HAF activities. You can register by clicking here<<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/>> and completing your
2. If you're already registered to CABS, make sure all details are up to date on your account. This is important as it helps us to make sure we are providing appropriate activities for children attending HAF, and that any additional needs are catered for. We want to ensure children and young people have the best experience possible.

Will food hampers be available?

Food hampers are not available this December, but we will share more details about the Holiday Free School Meal Voucher scheme with you soon.

How can I find out more information?

For more information, you can visit our website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf<<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>>

For general queries, you can email us at

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk<<mailto:HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk>>

Families who receive free school meals can also subscribe to our seasonal, bi-weekly newsletter by clicking

here.<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287>

Booking Breakfast Club

A reminder the Breakfast Club is no longer a drop in session, the school need to know in advance that your child will be attending. This is really important for our staffing numbers and safeguarding. Please contact the school office if you need to book a place. Many thanks.

School Debt - ParentPay

The school has a **zero debt policy**, please do make contact if you are finding this difficult to manage and a payment plan can be put in place.

Icepacks

If your child has a bump at school and needs an icepack, please ensure that any that go home are returned for reuse. Many thanks

Furniture

We still have a couple of chairs and some tables which are excess to requirement. Please contact Miss Agg if you are interested in giving them a home.

Christmas Wreaths

This order form has now been sent home, please ensure payment accompanies all requests. Thank you.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATH



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I would like to order..... wreath(s) at £7 each. Total cost £.....

Name / name of parent who will collect your wreath(s)
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Contact telephone number.....

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MISS AGG IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER WITH FULL PAYMENT IN CASH

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.