



Steam Mills Primary

12.05.2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Coronation Celebration

Thank you to all the parents/carers that were able to make it to our celebration on Friday, such a shame that the weather wasn't too kind to us but I we hope that you still enjoyed the event. FoSM raised £270.80 from the sale of drinks, cakes and cream teas.

There were also enough cakes left over to donate a cake for every child in school today and a special cup-cake each for Year 6 after completing their SATS week.

We have also posted a video on our website of the children singing the Coronation Song and here are some pictures of the children from the day, apologies the Class 2 are missing (we promise to get you a lovely photo soon!).



School Calendar 22/23

Term 5

17th April to 26th May

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

24th and 25th July

Bank Holidays in May

Monday 29th May

Diary Dates

May

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

19th Tempest Photography School Class Photos & Leavers Photos

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

June

8th New Reception Parent meeting at 5pm

16th Sports Day

28th- New class (Sep 23) Taster

29th Mornings

July

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

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

December

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

Rags to Riches

Our next collection for Rags to Riches is taking place on **Tuesday 16th May**. You should have all received a collection bag which was sent home with children this week. If you have more than one bag to fill, you can use any large bag. It is a great opportunity to support the school if you are having a sort out! Please could you drop bags on the morning of the collection (anytime between 7:45am and 9:15am) and leave in the playground opposite the main entrance gate.

Here is a link showing which items can be donated: (Article 270 The right to clothing)

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

Sponsored Walk – Friday 26th May

Our annual Sponsored Walk is such a great experience for the children, as well as being a very important fundraising event for FoSM. The money received goes towards the huge cost of the Pantomime Trip, this year booked for 6th December for classes 1-4. 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 from Beechenhurst (The Glade) at approx. 12:30pm.

The route this year is slightly longer, totalling approx. 5 miles as we are having to avoid Forestry works. Forestry England have also asked if shoes/boots/buggies could please be cleaned (of mud and leaf debris) prior to the walk and again after, as part of the need to reduce the spread of tree disease.

As previously requested, please also order a school packed lunch (via ParentPay) if you would like to do so, this is for those children entitled to **Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals only**. The meal will be available for you to take away when you collect 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 – the children enjoyed sharing their experiences of the coronation of King Charles III. We have had lots of discussions around the weather – Tuesday's Thunder and lightning especially! We have created buses, planes and trains using loose parts and chairs, making train tickets and looking at maps of the UK and Cinderford.

Class 1 have been writing facts about different animal groups and how to identify them by their different characteristics. We have been using our phonics knowledge to be as independent as possible when writing and we have all been working hard on our letter formation. In maths we have been looking at the composition of 10, which has been challenging at times, but we are beginning to understand our number bonds.

Class 2 have started learning about time this week in maths. They have picked this up so well and I have been impressed with their retention of o'clock times. I have been challenging them throughout the day to use our clocks to see what the time is. I am very happy to see the great understanding of the big hand showing the minutes and the small hand showing the hours. Next week we are working on half past times and I'm excited to see the progress continue.

Class 3 have had a busy week working with lots of different supply teachers. Ms Rix told me that the Y4s showed a brilliant knowledge of decimal place value and I saw them enjoying completing Roman Soldier interviews in history. Miss Munden said that they listened very well on Tuesday and

Star of the Week Certificates

Pre-school

Maddie – for settling so well into Pre-school.
Eloдие – for her expressive knowledge about King Charles's Coronation.

Class 1

Alfie B - for his engagement when learning about animals.
Adam - for his knowledge of reptiles.

Class 2

Esmee-Rose - an amazing improvement in writing, taking care to make sure to use her phonics.
Lily T - being an amazing part of Class 2. Always listening intently and showing lovely enthusiasm, as well as working well with others.

Class 3

Ruby - Working hard in maths and writing.
Tallulah - Confidently working with decimal numbers.

Class 4

Woody - for being supportive of others at Swimming.
Evie - for excellent Mathematical reasoning.

Reading Certificates

For completing Reading Challenges in class

Brody (last week), Caitlin and Calypso (Class 1)

Esmee-Rose (Class 2)

Primrose, Ruby, Elsa and Amelia (Class 3)

she was impressed with their story sequencing of Leon and the Place Between. I have been looking forwards to seeing them all today!

Class 4 have had a very busy week. Year 6 have completed their SATs and worked very hard. There have been some very tricky papers this year but the Y6s have taken it all in their stride and followed the advice and support of the adults around them - their resilience and tenacity has really shone through and we are already very proud of them. There will now be a big focus on writing for Y6 as we approach the moderation window and teacher assessment phase. Year 5 have been working hard this week on perimeter and area, and they have been working hard on research projects linked to Ancient Greece - they have been very supportive of the Y6s and respectful of the test conditions.

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.

Free School Meal Scheme – May/June Half Term

For the May/June half term, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by GCC as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child. (Article 24- the right to nutritious food)

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register - you will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the May/June half term are now open until midday 16 May. Voucher emails will be sent out on 22 May. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 23 May, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website - [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#).

Tennis Lessons

Please find attached a flyer offering tennis lessons for children.

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.