

Steam Mills Primary

07.10.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Play Park – Grand Opening

Cinderford Town Council have asked us to advertise the grand opening of the play park over on the field on **Tuesday 11th October at 3:15pm**. They will be providing some activities for the children.

Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings will be taking place on Monday 10th October and Tuesday 18th October, between 3:30pm and 6:15pm in the school hall. The booking system is now live on eSchools and closes on Monday 17th October at 12:30pm. If you have any issues booking your child a slot, please contact Miss Agg. Please also note that appointments are strictly limited to a maximum of 10 minutes per child. We will also have Pupil Contact Information Sheets for you to check and update after your appointment, you can either return these to the collection point on the day or take away with you to update and return to the school office later.

SEN appointments are available for those parents who have this option (on eSchools booking) and who would like to meet with Miss Barber. Apologies as it appears that SEN information is not pulling through accurately, so please do ignore the SEN appointment if not applicable or not needed for your child.

Pre-school have recently sent out a letter to all Pre-school parents detailing the arrangements for their Parents Evenings on Monday 17th (Pre-school Building) and Tuesday 18th October (School Hall).

Scholastic Book Fair

Don't forget our Scholastic Book Fair will be running at the same time as the main school Parents Evenings (10th and 18th October). This year's fair will be card only payments please via QR code, so please ensure you bring your phone along and payment card details!

Sponsored Walk

We have a final total of **£1347** from the Sponsored Walk, the money raised will be going towards this year's FoSM Pantomime trip. Thank you so much everyone!

School Calendar 22/23

Term 1

5th Sept to 21st Oct

Term 2

1st Nov 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:

5th Sep, 21st Oct,
3rd Jan, 24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

October

10th Parents Evening
12th Konflux Theatre Company
visit Y3/4 – diversity within
Black History month
17th Harvest Festival Week
18th Parents Evening
21st Inset Training Day
24th Half Term Holiday
31st Start of Term 2

November

4th Special Bonfire Night Lunch

December

1st C1-C4 Pantomime Trip (Info
to follow)
8th Visitor: Harold the Giraffe Life
Education
12th Pre-school Pantomime Trip
(Info to follow)
13th Pre-school, Class 1 and Class
2 Nativity Performances
(9:00am and 5:00pm)
15th Christmas Lunch & Christmas
Jumper Day
16th Christmas Parties & Choir
Concert – 1:30pm

January 2023

25th Young Voices Concert,
Birmingham.
Rags to Riches Collection

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our MacMillan Coffee Morning last week. We raised an amazing **£112.06** for MacMillan Cancer Support. We had some cakes left over, some of which have been donated to a local care home, where the residents enjoyed afternoon tea and cake. The few remaining cakes will be donated along with our Harvest Festival collection w/c 17th October.

Tempest Photography

All order forms/proofs for your child's photos were sent home on Wednesday. Orders are to be placed on-line this year and need to be completed by **Wednesday 19th October** in order to qualify for the free posting option via the school.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – we have been reading “Supertato” and inspired by the story, we have printed with vegetables, enjoyed them at snack time and included vegetable toys to our play. Our number of the week is 2 and we have been talking about pairs and body parts that we have 2 of.

Class 1 - this week, Class 1 have been discussing families, and how we all have one, but they are all different. We have also been working hard on our phonics (m, d, g) and beginning to develop our blending skills.

Class 2 - this week, we have started looking at the Paddington Bear book in our English lessons. We have continued to use adjectives to describe Paddington and on Wednesday we tried his favourite food - marmalade sandwiches! Most of class 2 were very excited to do this, although some of us won't be having marmalade again any time soon. They thought of some amazing words to describe the sandwiches and used all of their senses in these descriptive words.

Class 3 – we have explored Stone Age food in history. The children discussed ways in which the early Stone Age people hunted and gathered food. The children even tested Mrs Gibbs on their knowledge organiser quiz to see if she could remember all of the vocabulary. In art, we have been mixing colours in preparation for Cave art.

Class 4 have had a great week – they have written speeches as Prime Ministers addressing the country about World War II and how they can deliver them effectively. Year 5 got to FINALLY attend the In The Net lesson at Woodside this week; we had great feedback about their behaviour being excellent.

RRSA

Article of the week! Article 28 - Every child has the right to an education. Make sure you check the Rights Respecting Award page, under the curriculum tab to spark discussions about Article of the week at home.

Special Bonfire Meal – Friday 4th November

Please remember to complete, return the slip by **Monday 17th October** and also order/pay for a school lunch on ParentPay (the description will not match but we will go by the order slip). Thank you.

Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Ada – for forming letter of her name.

Tiago – observing and talking about the differences in natural materials.

Class 1

Winnie - for being resilient and persevering with her learning when things have been tricky.

Caiflin - for always being ready to learn and for always trying her best

Class 2

Poppy - always being willing to share your amazing ideas.

Carla - great description of Paddington Bear.

Class 3

Eva - excellent progress in writing.

Sam - great work in maths, when adding 10 and 100 to a 3 digit number.

Class 4

Freddie – for having a positive can-do attitude

Nevaeh – embracing expectations and responsibilities of a Y6

AiP New School Lunch Menu – 31/10/22 – 31/3/23

We have a new lunch menu from AiP (please see attached) which starts after half-term and continues up until the Easter break. All meals have been loaded onto ParentPay and we would like to remind parents to ensure that meals on ParentPay in advance. If for any reason you are unable to book, please contact the school office.

Young Voices

Reminder to return your child's order form for the Parent Tickets/T-shirts **along with payment**. Please let Miss Agg know if you have not received this and need another copy. **The forms and payment** need to be returned by 20th October 2020 please. We have now also booked the coach for the trip and will be sending out details on when to pay, it will be £12.50 per child.

Here is also a link for the songs for children to practice at home if they wish:

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

FoSM Parent Coach – Young Voices

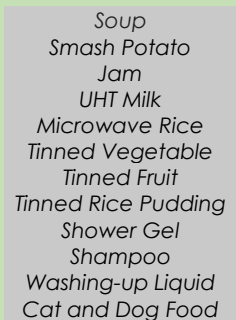
FoSM are looking into booking a coach for the parents to travel up to the Young Voices concert. Please could you contact Louise Bent if you are interested in taking up this offer, the cost would be approximately £7-£8 each.

Email: mikerbent@btinternet.com

Harvest Festival

The school will be celebrating Harvest Festival w/c 17th October 2022.

The children are busy learning new songs, there will be a singing assembly and class activities during the week. We would like to ask children to bring in a donation to support The Forest Foodbank if possible please, this can be brought in any time between Monday 17th October and Thursday 20th October (Friday 21st is Inset Training Day). The Foodbank are asking for specific donations at the moment if possible.



Soup
Smash Potato
Jam
UHT Milk
Microwave Rice
Tinned Vegetable
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice Pudding
Shower Gel
Shampoo
Washing-up Liquid
Cat and Dog Food

Teams4U Shoe Box Appeal

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>

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.

Summer Fayre

There are a number of food containers and plates awaiting collection in the school office. These were left after the school fayre. Please see Miss Agg if you think they may be yours.

Play Day – Ruspidge

Please find attached information for a Play Day in Ruspidge during October Half Term, it is an open access play session and is free for all to attend. There are planned activities and they will be cooking a hot lunch (please inform them of any special dietary needs the day before).

Cost of Living Support

Please find attached information from the Forest of Dean District Council.

Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme: October Half-term Information

This October half term, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the 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 will receive £15 per child, for the week half term.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage <<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>>

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they 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.

For those parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please ask them to contact us at childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so we can update their account, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term period are now open until the 11 October. Voucher emails will be sent out on 19 October. Please check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 19 October, please contact us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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.