

Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 Bikeability Training

The training is taking place this coming Monday to Wednesday. We have communicated an update with regards to those children attending Young Voices and the Bikeability team have confirmed that the certificate will be achievable within the timeframe before children depart for Young Voices. **Please could you ensure the children's bikes are placed in the bike rack on Monday morning and that children are wrapped up warm for the cold weather, including warm gloves.**

Young Voices

We still have a few tickets and t-shirts waiting to be collected. Please collect preferably at the end of the school day as Miss Agg is covering drop and go at present. Many thanks

If you have yet to pay for your child's transport, 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.

Mrs Bent should have been in touch with parents travelling on the Parent Coach about a slight price increase. Please contact Mrs Bent if you have any queries:
mikerbent@btinternet.com.

Rags to Riches

Our next collection for Rags to Riches is taking place on Wednesday 25th January. 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:
<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

Class Snippets

Pre-school have been learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year. The children have recreated "The Great Race" using straws to help the animals across the water. We have also made lucky red lanterns and envelopes, created blossom trees and watercolour dragons. The children have explored changes in materials, making ice baubles, observing the changes as they froze and melted.

School Calendar 22/23

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:

24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

January 2023

23rd Bikeability Training for Year 5 children

25th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

Rags to Riches Collection

30th National Storytelling Week

February

14th Class 4 Trip to National Waterways Museum – Gloucester

16th Year 6 Dental Survey
FoSM School Disco (details to follow)

20th Half term Break

27th Start of Term 4

March

2nd World Book Day – Bedtime Stories (**Pajama Day**)

21st Parents Evenings – all classes

27th Parents Evenings – Class 2 only

28th Parents Evenings – Class 1, 3 and 4





Class 1 - This week we have been looking at the 'ee' sound in phonics and had a very special visit from Green Froggy. We have been looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears these past couple of weeks and the children have been working really hard on writing the key events of the story and instructions on how to make porridge. All of the children had a go at making some porridge in Class 1, and Miss Byrnes was really impressed with all of the children for them all trying the porridge and the different flavoured toppings.

Class 2 – This week, Class 2 have been working so hard! I am particularly impressed with their maths work - every single child has shown a great attitude towards learning and has tried their best during our maths lessons. They have persevered when they found it hard and thought very carefully when it came to doing their work in their books. The year 1's have enjoyed playing maths games with dice this week and there has been a good team spirit in the classroom. I can't wait for maths next week!

Class 3 – This week, Class 3 have been researching Biomes in Geography. They can tell you about the features of Grassland, Tundra, Desert and Oceans. They have been working really hard on their times tables knowledge and testing out the new ipads.

Class 4 have been working on their memory skills this week with Year 5s working hard to recall maths learning, all children learning verses from The Highway Man and remembering rivers around the world. The children are working hard in their flute lessons and are doing well to read music and play notes on their instruments simultaneously – they are looking forward to their performance for their parents in a couple of weeks. Circuits in PE have challenged the children and they have been monitoring their heart rates to check the impact of exercise. Good luck to the children competing in the Girls Football Tournament this week and thank you to the parents that have volunteered to take them.

Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

Identification – Articles 7 and 8

Article 7: The right to being registered at birth, to have a name and a nationality.

Article 8: Protection of identity. Governments must respect a child's identity.

This week, it would be great to think about what makes you unique and special.

Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Reggie – for settling so well into Pre-school.

Luca – being so kind and helpful to the adults and his friends.

Class 1

Lewis - for always being engaged in his learning. (Always joining in, listening and giving everything his best go).

Bella - for always being a super star in Class 1. (Always listens, follows instructions, and she is always doing what she should be doing. Bella is a great role model to the other children).

Class 2

Evie - amazing effort and work in maths.

Jax - great presentation in your work.

Class 3

Brandon - for a focused attitude towards learning in all areas.

Jack J - great insights in Guided Reading.

Class 4

Tehya-Rose – for a confident performance of The Highwayman.

Eva – for improved positivity.

Year 6 Dental Survey

If your child has been selected to take part in this survey, please ensure you return the permission form by Monday 6th February. Many thanks

Drop and Go

A reminder to all to use drop and go wherever possible in the mornings, this helps with the need to park, leaving spaces for parents with children in Pre-school and Class 1. Drop and go is available to children in classes 2, 3 and 4.

Furniture

Would any parents have a large van to transport a display board for us up to Soudley School please? The board is 1.65m x 1.85m. Please contact Miss Agg if you are able to help.

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

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.