



Steam Mills Primary

15.11.2024



Dear Parents/Carers

One-way System

Please could we remind Parents/Carers to please use the one-way system at all times, even first thing in the morning for Breakfast Club. There was another near miss this morning with a member of staff arriving at school and a parent exiting the car park the wrong way. Thank you

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

Thank you for purchasing Children in Need merchandise and to all the children for wearing something spotty. We raised an amazing £177.50 for Children in Need.



Xmas 4 Schools

If you have ordered items from Xmas 4 Schools, items are now ready to collect from the school office. Thank you.

Mrs Warren – Miss Carlson

We will be saying a little “Goodbye and Good luck” to Mrs Warren as she plans to depart for her maternity leave, her last day being Friday 29th November. Miss Carlson will be covering Mrs Warren’s Family Support time during this maternity period. You can contact Miss Carlson via the School Office if you need to make contact. Mrs Dickinson will be covering Mrs Warren’s Teaching Assistant role linked to Class 3 during this time.

Screen Time and Wellbeing

A reminder to Parents/Carers about the use of technology/gaming and it’s possible effects on learning and wellbeing. Here are some useful tips and advice from the NHS:



The NHS recommends that children should limit their screen time to no more than two hours per day. The NHS also advises that children should not have screens in their bedrooms at night.

- **Blue light** from screens like phones, tablets, and computers can make your brain more active and disrupt your sleep.
- **To improve your sleep**, the NHS recommends avoiding screens for at least **an hour** before bed.
- **Set boundaries:** Establish clear rules and expectations around screen time.
- **Encourage physical activity:** Make physical activity a natural part of your child's daily life. The NHS recommends that children over the age of five should get at least 60 minutes of physical exercise per day.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September-20th December

Half Term

28th October-1st November

Spring term 2025

6th January-11th April

Half Term

17th-21st February

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

Half Term

26th May - 30th May

INSET days:

6th January, 11th April and 21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation November activities)

22nd FoSM Christmas Wreath making from 4:30pm

27th One Day Creative Fire of London Workshop – Class 2 and Woodside

29th FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – items for Christmas Fayre Tombola

December

4th Whole school Panto

9th KS1 Christmas Play Rehearsal

10th Pre-school trip to Christmas Show

11th KS1 Christmas Play Performances for parents 9:30am and 5:00pm

13th Christmas Fayre

18th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Christingle Service at Church – 2pm for Classes 2-4 only

19th Christmas Parties

20th Carol Service & End of Term 2

January

6th Inset Training Day

7th Start of Term

22nd Rags 2 Riches Collection

- **Balance screen time with other activities:** Screen time can be beneficial for older children when balanced with other activities.
- **Talk about what they're watching:** Stay with your child and talk about what they're watching to help them understand and learn.

Christmas Lunch

Please note that we have moved the Christmas Lunch day to **Wednesday 18th December**. A letter will be coming home on Monday for all children. As usual there will be an extra charge for this meal (85p extra = £3.60) and we are still unable to change the published menu on ParentPay.

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 – this week at Pre-School we have taken part in Nursery Rhyme Week. We have sung a different nursery rhyme every day and have done different activities relating to the songs. We have sung Incy Wincey Spider, Old McDonald, Twinkle Twinkle, The Big Ship Sails and 5 Current Buns. We have also been busy reading lots of books, painting, enjoying the Autumn sun we have had out in the garden and lots of role play. On Monday we joined the whole school assembly and took part in the 2 minutes silence and the children sat really well and were respectful during this time. We have also been looking at our books for this term and they are all enjoying The Tiger Who Came to Tea and Stick Man. Our sound this week has been A and our number has been 8.

Class 1 – this week is anti-bullying week. As a class we have been doing lots of learning about what bullying is, what it can look like, how it can make people feel and what we can do to stop it happening to ourselves or others. The children have made Anti-bullying poster as part of the English work and for the topic learning we have made a poster about "what makes a good friend". The sounds this week 'j,v,w,x' and the HFW's 'of, off, you, my, they, for'.

Class 2 - this week, we have continued to learn about the Great Fire of London. We have named some key people such as Thomas Farriner and Samuel Pepys. We have also looked at why the fire started and why it was about to become so big. Mrs Evans has been continuing to explore firework music with the children and they showed some impressive results yesterday afternoon. In phonics, the year 1s learnt the er, ir and ur sounds. The year 2s learnt the ey and o (u) sounds.

Class 3 have continued to explore multiplication and division in maths and have been using great mathematical vocabulary. The Y3s have been working on 4 and 8 times tables and Y4s have looked at 7 and 9 times tables. In writing, they have been busy developing their knowledge of punctuation marks with commas for lists and apostrophes for contractions. The children really impressed me on Wednesday with their work in PSHE when discussing similarities and differences and how to resolve tricky situations.

Class 4 have had a good week! On Tuesday, the children got to enjoy their much-anticipated trip to Bletchley Park; they learnt about how Bletchley used signals intelligence to support the war effort. The children got a guided tour of the grounds and they took part in a workshop where they had to decode a message about the D-Day landings; they discovered how the allies used decoys to trick


Star of the Week Certificates


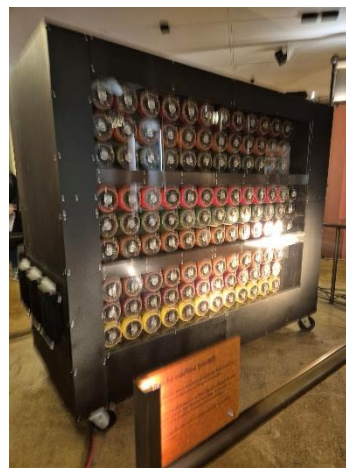
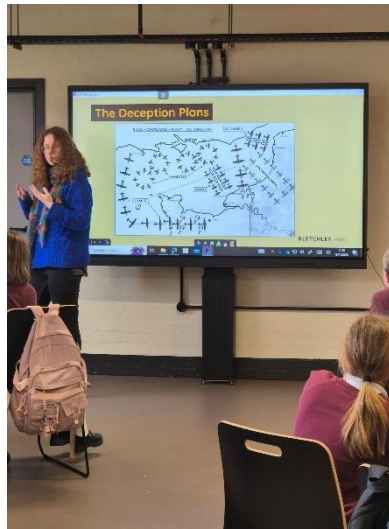
Pre-school
Noah - for always joining in and singing during Wednesday music sessions.
Layton - for his enjoyment and confidence taking part in Wednesday music sessions.

Class 1
Joseph - for his effort with his blending. Star reader
Oak - for reading 17 times.

Class 2
Sunneigh - wonderful 'can do' attitude and resilience in all you do.
Caitlin - being such a kid and caring member of Class 2 and Steam Mills school.

Class 3
Blair - for being brave, when performing a poem in front of the class.
Carla - for taking pride in the presentation of her work.

the axis powers in diverting their attention and forces elsewhere so the invasion in Normandy could be successful - they even got to see an Enigma machine in real life and have a go at pressing the buttons. They could see why it was such a hard job for the staff at Bletchley to decode the messages from the German forces because of how the rotors changed every time the buttons were pushed!



FoSM Christmas Wreath Making – 22nd November
Please don't forget to return your order slip!



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Name: _____

I would like to order _____ wreath(s) at £10 each. Total cost: £ _____

I would like to help make wreaths on 22nd Nov - Yes / No

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MISS AGG IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER WITH FULL PAYMENT IN CASH

Parent/Carer Checklist

It would be helpful if Parents/Carers could run through a daily checklist before school, to ensure that your child/ren are ready for the school day. This would reduce the amount of phone calls home the school has to make and also reduce anxieties for your child/ren. The school expects the older children to start taking responsibility for some of these things themselves. As an example:

- **Lunch booked or packed lunch from home**
- **Drink bottle**
- **PE kit or swimming kit when needed**
- **Homework**
- **Reading book**
- **Correct uniform and coat**

Staff Vacancies

We currently have a couple of vacancies; one for a Cleaner/Midday Supervisor and another separate Midday Supervisor role to be part of our team here at Steam Mills. If you are interested in either of these roles please contact Miss Agg, more information can be found on our website here: https://www.steammillprimary.co.uk/website/current_vacancies/431324

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9:00AM-3:00PM
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ACTIVITIES

- Tournaments
- Technical/ Tactial Sessions
- Inflatable football pitch and dartboard

WHO CAN JOIN?
Boys and Girls
Age 5-13
All skill levels welcome

December 23rd (Monday) - January 2nd (Thursday) - January 3rd (Friday)

CONTACT MARK ON
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How can you help children with their body confidence?

We get asked that question a lot during our free healthy lifestyle programme, Beezee Families. And because we work with so many families like yours, we understand the challenges of body positivity. So, as a parent or carer, what can you do to help?

- **Become a role model** – look in the mirror with your child and say three positive things about your bodies.
- **Health matters** – promote nutrition, exercise and good sleep.
- **Celebrate diversity** – teach your children about different body types, abilities and cultures.
- **Personal qualities** – value kindness, intelligence and creativity.
- **Express themselves** – encourage your children to use art, music, sport or play for self-expression.
- **Misleading media** – help your children see beyond unrealistic images of body and beauty.

Want more free health and wellbeing tips?
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The services we promote for families with children aged 4 and over.

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