



# Steam Mills Primary

16.09.22



Dear Parents/Carers,

The school will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 due to the funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

### Rags to Riches – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Our next collection for Rags to Riches is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, please bring bags in between 8am and 9:00am (not before). Please could you bear us in mind if you have any items that you could possibly donate? The school is paid 40p per kilo and all proceeds go to FoSM. Here you will find a list of acceptable items:

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

Many thanks

### Nasal Flu Immunisations – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Letters were sent out this week for you, please contact Miss Agg for another copy if necessary. Please ensure all forms are returned as soon as possible and before Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We need to receive all forms back even if you are opting out of your child receiving the vaccination.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning – 10am Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. All parents/carers are welcome to join us in the school hall. Please could we ask for donations of cakes and any left-over we will plan to arrange a little cake sale for the children. Donations for the coffee and cake to MacMillan would be greatly appreciated.

### Class Snippets

**Pre-school** – This week we have had circle time talking about the importance of being a kind friend. We have been enjoying the last of the warm weather outside looking for bugs and insects and exploring with water colours and stencils.

**Class 1** - Class 1 have had a very busy and exciting week, making new friends, settling into school life, and trying new things!

**Class 2** – This week we have been working on our new class book - Stanley's Stick. I have been blown away by the writing that the children have produced! We have been

### School Calendar 22/23

#### Term 1

5<sup>th</sup> Sept to 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

#### Term 2

1<sup>st</sup> Nov to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Term 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### Term 4

27<sup>th</sup> Feb to 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Term 5

17<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### Term 6

5<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July

#### Inset Days:

5<sup>th</sup> Sep, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct,

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July

#### Diary Dates

- 21<sup>st</sup> Rags to Riches
- 26<sup>th</sup> C4 visit to Bletchley Park
- 28<sup>th</sup> C3 visit to Cheddar Caves
- 30<sup>th</sup> Reception-Year 6 Nasal Flu Immunisations  
MacMillan Coffee Morning – 10am

#### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> Tempest Individual and sibling photos (a.m)  
In the Net Production for Y5 pupils (p.m)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> Konflux Theatre  
Company visit Y3/4 – diversity within Black History month
- 18<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
*(Information to follow)*
- 21<sup>st</sup> Inset Training Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Half Term Holiday
- 31<sup>st</sup> Start of Term 2

#### December

- 8<sup>th</sup> Visitor: Harold the Giraffe – Life Education

#### January 2023

- 25<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

trying really hard in year 1 to use our phonics when writing to sound out words and write them down. In year 2, we have been extending our work by making full sentences which have a capital letter and a full stop in them. I have been so impressed by everyone's hard work.

**Class 3** - This week, Class 3 have had been reading a book called 'Lights on Cotton Rock' and they all wrote amazing diary entries as the main character, Heather. We have been exploring place value in maths and the children are enjoying using the dienes to support them.

**Class 4** – Class 4 have got their learning well underway this week and we have started thinking about prior learning and how this can help us with new units such as Electricity and WW2. The children are all making a great effort with reading homework as well this week and the 100 square challenge is going well – thank you to everyone at home supporting them!

### Communications

The school uses a number of ways to communicate with Parents/Carers. The main form of communication is via eSchools email, you should also have a login for eSchools if you need to access the site. We also use Our School App which can be downloaded via your app store and then just select Steam Mills Primary. If you experience any issues with these, please contact Miss Agg.

### Furniture

We have a number of tables and chairs which are spare. 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.

### Breakfast Club

Please could we remind Parents/Carers that Breakfast Club does not start until 7:45 am. If you arrive before this time, you will need to wait until the allotted time as staff are still setting up. Many thanks

### RRSA- Poster competition

Rights Respecting is an important part of our learning at Steam Mills. To start off the school year, we are holding a poster competition. Choose one of the Articles (list attached) and create a poster with the article name and illustrate what that means to you. For example, Article 29- Education should promote children's talents and personality. You could draw children taking part in lots of activities such as: swimming, gymnastics, forest school and art. Entries need to be handed to your class teacher by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September and posters will be displayed around the school.

### Walks to the Church

Class 2 and Class 4 are planning to walk to the local Church on a day during September (day to be confirmed). As part of the RE topic they will be walking to the local church this term to find out more about Christianity and meet Reverend Clare. This will give them a chance to ask any

### Head Teacher Certificates

#### Pre-school

**Daphne** – Showing a great understanding of recent events/visits to London.

**Harper** – Attempting to form all of the letter of her name.

#### Class 1

**Billy and Winnie** - For their attitude towards their learning

#### Class 2

**Blair** - Coming into school with a smile and having a positive attitude

**Emmie** - Amazing work in phonics this week!

#### Class 3

**Paige** - Increased confidence in Y4.

**Arthur** - Being kind to peers and staff.

#### Class 4

**Oakley** – For enthusiastic contribution in guided reading.

**Cohen** – For being a supportive role model to the Year 5's.

questions and help to give children an opportunity to understand others who may have different beliefs to them.

This local trip is covered under the generic trip permissions that parents signed when children join Steam Mills but we just wanted to highlight that this will be happening.

### **Wildcats**

Please find attached information about Wildcats from Prostars. What is a Wildcats Centre? The Football Association has created Wildcats, a great initiative designed to inspire girls aged between 5-11 to be involved in football. Wildcats Girls Football Clubs provides girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

### **Constabulary and OPCC Open Day postponed.**

The Constabulary and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Open Day, which was due to take place on Saturday 17 September, has been postponed.

As a mark of respect, and while the country is in a period of mourning, it has been decided that the event will not go ahead as scheduled.

The Open Day was due to take place at Police Headquarters in Gloucester, and a new date in 2023 is in the process of being arranged.

*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.*