

Steam Mills Primary

20.10.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Class Snippets

Pre-school – The children have collected autumn leaves, using them to create Harvest crowns and used their finger prints to make 'leaves' on an autumn tree. We have enjoyed playdough- where the children have added birthday candles, twigs, shells and sequins, colour by number and dot to dot activities. We have talked about Harvest and the Forest foodbank.

Class 1 - This week we have been learning about Harvest and thinking about why we celebrate it. We have spent our afternoons creating Harvest Wreaths. In phonics this week we have been practising 'e', 'u' and 'r' and have been using our phonics knowledge to help Miss Byrnes spell complex words such as 'underneath' and 'remarkable'.

Class 2 have been working really hard to write a letter about Paddington bear! They made sure to include their adjectives to describe Paddington and to let whoever found him know that he is a very nice bear. They remembered what we had learnt about Paddington over the last few weeks and didn't forget to include his favourite food! They definitely deserve a well-earned rest after their amazing writing.

Class 3 - This week, Class 3 spent a day focusing on history. The children started the day using Now > Press > Play and were acting out a Stone Age hunt. They then wrote a diary in character and these were all amazing! We then explored sources of evidence to categorise foods in the 3 periods of the Stone Age - Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. In the afternoon, we explored farming and how this changed the life of people, including the animals they domesticated and tools they used.

Class 4 have been working hard on writing newspaper reports for their final piece of work based on the text, Goodnight Mr Tom. They have learnt about the Battle of Britain and how the RAF defended the skies after Great Britain refused an Armistice with Germany – we also learnt how pivotal Operation Dynamo was in saving 300,000+ troops from

School Calendar 22/23

Term 1

5th Sept to 21st Oct

Term 2

31st Oct 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

21st Inset Training Day

24th Half Term Holiday

31st Start of Term 2

November

4th Special Bonfire Night Lunch
FoSM Non-school Uniform Day

18th Children in Need Day

December

1st C1-C4 Pantomime Trip (Info to follow)

8th Visitor: Harold the Giraffe Life Education

9th Christmas Fayre

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

18th Reception & Y6 Screening Vision & Measuring height & weight

25th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

Rags to Riches Collection

Dunkirk. Finley and Max brought in artefacts from home – an old Morse code machine and a relatives paperwork and medals from when they were involved in WW2; thank you to the families for allowing them to share them with the class!



Young Voices

We have now also booked the coach for the trip and have created a payment item on ParentPay for the cost, £12.50 per child. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any questions.

Here is also a link for the songs for children to practice at home if they wish and we have attached further instructions:

<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

Thank you so much for all the donations for our collection for Harvest Festival. The Forest Foodbank have collected the items today to distribute to the community.

Breakfast Club/After School Club – Term 2

If you have not submitted an amended form to your regular booking for Breakfast Club and After School Club, we will assume that you want to continue with your current arrangements. Please make contact if you need to change your booking and haven't done so.

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/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/T4U-Romania-Shoebbox-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.

Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Tate - Great recall of his recent holiday.

Freya - Happily doing as she was asked.

Class 1

Maddison - for amazing effort in phonics every day.

Robert - for his creativity and the care he puts into the things he makes.

Class 2

Bella - sharing some great ideas about what needs to go into a letter.

Blake - always being amazing but especially super art work.

Piper - good attitude to learning and contributing well to our lessons.

Class 3

Olivia - an enthusiastic attitude in maths.

Corey - a great newspaper report using compound sentences.

Class 4

Macey-Jayne - for shining positivity and being kind in class.

Henry - for perseverance with long division.

Forest Voluntary Action Forum Information



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Supporting those in the Forest
of Dean

Wednesday 2nd November

2 – 5pm

Oaklands Sports Bar, Foxes Bridge Road, Cinderford
GL14 2PQ

Support, advice and help for residents who live in the Forest
area.

If your organisation would like to join us by having a presence at
the event – to offer advice, information sheets/literature etc –

Contact Teresa Rose
fvafo@gmail.com or 07970 697853.



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Christmas Wreaths

This order form will be coming home after the half-term break (look out for it in your child's bookbag).

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATH



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I would like to order..... wreath(s) at £7 each. Total cost £.....

Name / name of parent who will collect your wreath(s)

Contact telephone number.....

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MISS AGG IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER WITH FULL PAYMENT IN CASH

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.