

Steam Mills Primary

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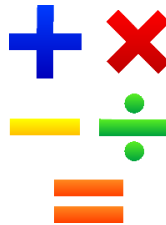
Dear Parents/Carers

School Lunches

We have had a few children without lunch ordered this week. All lunches are available to order via ParentPay and Parent/Carers should have received their personal log on details. Please note there is a 48-hour cut-off period for ordering and please contact Miss Agg if you have any issues.

Maths Fest! Wednesday 25th September

Hopefully you have all received your invites from the children this week. The sessions will be taking place in your child's/children's classroom. The format will be flexible and informal and you should easily be able to move between classes if you have children in different classes.



Community Engagement Vehicle – Thursday 26th September

The local Community Engagement Vehicle will be visiting the school next Thursday. It will be situated in the KS1 end of the playground but is available to anyone who would like to talk to the staff about local services and support agencies.

Rags 2 Riches Collection – Monday 30th September

Our next collection for Rags 2 Riches is on Monday 30th September. We hope to have collection bags to distribute shortly but if these do not arrive in time, any plastic bag can be used. Collection is usually in the morning, therefore, please could bags be dropped off opposite the main gate between 7:45am and 9:15am on the day. The school is paid 40p per kilo and all proceeds go to Friends of Steam Mills (FoSM). Here you will find a list of acceptable items to donate :



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

Many thanks

Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents

Wednesday 2nd October

Mrs Fawkes will be holding a phonics workshop to explain how we teach early reading at Steam Mills on Weds 2nd October at 2.45pm in the hall.



Parents Evenings – Tuesday 8th October & Tuesday 15th October

We are holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday 8th October and Tuesday 15th October. Bookings for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are made via our eSchools system which is now open for booking. The meetings are in 10 minute slots, please adhere to this time limit. Please let Miss Agg (school office) know if you would also like to see Miss Barber (SENCO) and she will book this for you. If you have any issues

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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:

25th October

6th January

11th April

21st July

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

September

25th Maths Fest!

26th Community Engagement Vehicle – from 2:30pm

30th Rags2Riches Collection

October

1st Tempest Individual/Sibling photos

2nd Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents

4th Federation Trip for Y3/4 to Cheltenham Literature Festival

9th Nasal Flu Vaccinations

15th Y1/Y2 to Woodside for Autumn Activities

21st Harvest Festival Collection (details to follow)

22nd Reading Café – everyone welcome

25th Inset Training Day

booking for your child/ren, please contact Miss Agg for assistance.

Pre-school Parents Evenings will be on the same days and bookings can be made with the Pre-school staff from Monday.

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme – Reception to Year 6

The NHS school vaccination team will be visiting on **Wednesday 9th October 2024**. Please find attached details of how to register your child, this is all being administered on-line this year, so there will not be any paper copies of forms going home. Please note that you need to login even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination, failure to do this will lead to a follow up call from the school and possibly the NHS vaccination team.

Harvest Festival Collection – w/c 21st October 2024

This year we are again donating items to the Forest Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival celebration, supporting people in our local community. We have been asked by the Foodbank to request the following items if possible, which can be handed into reception or the class teacher:



fruit juice, Smash, sponge puddings, jelly, Angel Delight, jam, packet soup, instant noodles, multipack crisps, UHT milk. Toiletries and household products such as washing powder and washing up liquid.



The children will hopefully be having an assembly with Forest Foodbank on Thursday 24th October to explain what they do and how we can help as well as singing some Harvest songs with Mrs Evans. **Article 24- the right to nutritious food**

Pre-school Garden Area

The Pre-school are in need of some help with clearing weeds and a bit of digging. We also have a wish list which includes some raised beds for easy gardening for the children. If you have any time available and the tools, we would be most grateful for any help you can offer. Please contact the school office and Miss Agg can show you the area in question. Thank you!



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 have been enjoying the warmer sunny weather this week, spending a lot of time outside on the school field using the large climbing frame, the bikes and scooters in our outdoor area. We have picked raspberries from our garden and enjoyed them at snack time. The children have loved having marbles and ramps indoors, building large train tracks around the room and creating some beautiful autumn arts and crafts pictures. Our sound this week has been A and our number has been 2.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Aurora - for settling so well into Pre-School full of confidence and smiles.
Locke - for coming back to Pre-School after the summer being a role model for his peers, being a kind and caring friend.

Class 1

Tommy - for always tidying up when asked.
Benjamin - for his enthusiasm in phonics.
Penny - for her effort when writing her name.

Class 2

Marley - wonderful attitude and being a kind friend.
Elodie - fantastic role play.

Class 3

Evie - for being a kind friend.
Harry - for being an enthusiastic learner.

Class 4

Brandon - good learning attitude.
Arlo - always ready to learn.

Class 1 – busy week this week as we've started with our formal phonics and maths lessons. In maths we have been looking at a new skill called subitising and we have been subitising up to 3. We have also been looking at what smaller numbers can fit inside the quantity of 5 (composition of 5). In phonics we have learnt 4 new sounds (s,a,t,p) and 3 High Frequency Words HFW's, which are (a, at, as). Your children should have come home with reading books this week. They may have words such as tap and pat for your children to have a go at sounding out and blending or they are picture books which should be used in a way to encourage your children to think about what is happening in the story to support them making links between ideas, which is really helpful for the development of their comprehension.

Class 2 – have been having a wonderful maths week this week. The Year 1s have been beginning to look at number lines and estimating where numbers lie. They have enjoyed playing maths games and creating number lines using themselves as numbers. The Year 2s have been partitioning numbers into 2-digit numbers and writing numbers as numerals and words. They have been fantastic!

Class 3 had an exciting visit to Cheddar Gorge this week. They explored Gough's Cave, where they saw a replica of the bones of Cheddar Man who was found in the cave. The children learnt about advantages and disadvantages of living in a cave. We met a Stone Age man, who let us explore some artefacts from the Stone Age, hold flint and showed us how they used to light a fire. The children listened well and were a pleasure to take on a trip. Please see some photographs below.



Class 4 – this week in Maths, Class 4 have been deepening their number and place value knowledge by identifying, recognising and comparing numbers up to one million (Year 5) and understanding negative numbers (Year 6). We have put more emphasis on using resources to help with concrete understanding and ensure they have a good basis for them to build upon. In English we have been exploring the thoughts and feelings of the characters encountered so far in our text 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. This has involved putting themselves 'in the character's shoes' so they can consider how and evacuees in World War 2 may have felt when they first met their new family in the countryside. This brought about great discussions and ideas.

School Debt Policy – September 2024

Please ensure that your Breakfast Club and After School Club ParentPay accounts are in credit at all times.

Just to remind parents and inform new parents of our Debt Policy.

- Bookings will only be accepted if Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club Accounts are in credit for each day booked.
- If your child is a “no show” or you have not given 24hrs notice, you will be still be charged for your child’s place.
- If your child is not booked in for either service, you will be contacted if we are oversubscribed, asked to collect your child.
- Accounts will be debited on the same day (BC) or next day (ASC) and not weekly.
- Childcare vouchers/tax free childcare payments should be **sent in advance** and your Parent Pay account will then be credited ready for use.
- Breakfast club remains free of charge to those eligible for income/benefits based Free School Meals.

Useful Information from NHS regarding illnesses




Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek




SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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- Inflatable football pitch and dartboard
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WHO CAN JOIN?

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Age 5-11
All skill levels welcome

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Naunton Park Primary School (Cheltenham) | Picklenash Junior School (Newent)

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OPEN EVENTS

COME AND SEE WHAT OUR WORLD-CLASS SCHOOL CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD

OPEN EVENING
TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024, 4:45-7PM
SCHOOL TOURS & HEADTEACHER'S TALKS

SCHOOL IN ACTION TOURS
WEDNESDAY 25 – FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2024
9:30AM-12:30PM
PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL RECEPTION TO BOOK

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- 01594 832263
- admin@5acreshighschool.co.uk



OPEN EVENING INVITATION
3rd October 4-6pm

SGS Forest High School
CINDERFORD



Denmark Road High School
Discover Realise Honour Shape

OPEN EVENTS

Open Mornings
Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October
8.45-10.30am
Headteacher Welcome
Talk at 9am

Open Evening
Tuesday 8th October
5-8pm
Headteacher Welcome
Talks at 5.15pm and 6.30pm

Join us for the Denmark Road experience. No booking required.
Denmark Road High School, Gloucester, GL1 3JN

Forest High is a small school with big ambitions.

By every measure, Cinderford's secondary school is the best it has ever been, and will continue to get even better.

We would love you to join us for our **Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October from 4-6pm**, with talks from Headteacher Nicola Mooney at 4pm and 5pm. **No need to book.**

Or you can arrange a tour during a school day by emailing info@foresthgigh.org.uk or calling **01594 822257**.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

www.foresthigh.org.uk



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Ribston Hall High School

OPEN EVENTS - 17th, 21st and 22nd October

Ribston Hall High School would like to invite you to one of our Open Events on the 17th, 21st and 22nd October.
17th October - 9.30am-5.00pm and 5.00pm-9.30am
21st and 22nd October - 9.30am

Booking is Essential!
Places are limited so please ensure you visit our website to book www.ribstonhallgloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day

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

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