

Steam Mills Primary

11.03.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Evenings

We are offering face-to-face parents' evenings at school again in the school hall; appointments can be booked via eSchools from 4pm on Friday 4th March. If you would prefer a phone call appointment, that can be arranged. Please book an appointment on eSchools in the usual way and let Miss Agg know that you would like it to be by telephone. Please also let us know if you are experiencing any issues with eSchools.

Classes 1-4 Tuesday 22nd March - 3:30pm-6:20pm
Tuesday 29th March - 3:30pm-6:20pm

Pre-school parents' evenings will take place on different days and are bookable via Kelly and Laura at Pre-school. All meetings will take place in the Pre-school building.

Pre-school Monday 28th March – 3:30pm-4:50pm
Wednesday 30th - 3:30pm- 4:50pm

We are aware that some people are cautious of mingling, so to be mindful of all and please limit your time on site in the following way:

- Please arrive just before your appointment time.
- Your class teacher will have your child's books to show you.
- Your appointment will be for 10 minutes; you can look through the books afterwards and leave them in the library when you leave. Please look out for signs as to where to leave the books.
- If you would like to speak to Miss Barber (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) or Mrs Davis (Executive Head Teacher), please mention this to the class teacher during your appointment.

We look forward to seeing you.

Fire Drill

Well done to the whole school and Pre-school for a very efficient, safe and sensible fire drill yesterday. All children were very well behaved.

Lunches

Please could we remind parents/carers to book their child's lunches in advance on ParentPay (48-hour cut-off). If for any reason lunches are not booked, please phone the school for an emergency meal or provide a packed lunch for your child. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

March

18th Red Nose Day
22nd Parents Evenings
23rd Y1/2 Trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre
29th Parents Evenings

April

8th Last day of Term 4 – FoSM Non-school Uniform Day
25th Start of Term 5
26th Class 4 start swimming

May

9th-12th KS2 SATS
13th Tempest Class Photos & Leavers Photos
17th Rags2Riches collection Reception and Year 6 NHS Screening
26th FoSM Non-school Uniform Day
27th Inset Training Day Bowling Club open sessions – children welcome from 3pm

June

6th Start of Term 6
7th Class 3 start Gymnastics

July

4th&6th Y5/6 Residential – South Cerney

Wrap-around

Please could parents/carers ensure that they book their child's place for Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club. We are experiencing high numbers on some days and need to ensure we have correct staffing ratios in place. Thank you.

Severn Trent Water Assembly – Rights Respecting

This week, Classes 3 and 4 were very lucky to take part in an online session with Severn Trent Water. They explored the process of water treatment and how this has changed through the ages, from prehistory to Victorians. They also sang a water song and played spot the difference to find ways to save water. Children made a pledge to save water by doing these things. These included:

- Use a plug in the sink, when washing your hands.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off the tap, when brushing your teeth.
- Only fill the baths 1/2 way.

They also saw how to make your own water treatment at home using a plastic bottle, sand, gravel and river water. It would be great to investigate this at home together but remember- don't drink the water!

In Class 3, we also discussed which rights children could not enjoy, if they didn't have access to clean water. These included:

- **Article 24-** Access to clean water. Children could become poorly, if they don't have clean water to drink.
- **Article 28-** Children who have to walk to collect water might miss out on education.
- **Article 24-** Access to food. If water is in short supply, crops cannot grow.
- **Article 31-** If children didn't have clean water, they can't eat ice-lollies on hot days or play in paddling pool.

Ukraine

Thank you for the donations of cakes today, so nice to be able to get back to cake sales in aid of a good cause! The children had such a lovely selection to choose from and we will let you know the total raised next week.



Pre-school

Maddison – Fantastic understanding when doing syllable clapping.

Class 1

Piper – Learning her number bonds.

Jasmine – Writing her name.

Class 2

Primrose – Being a very kind friend.

Poppy - being kind and thoughtful around the class.

Class 3

Jack- A great use of column subtraction.

Freddie- Excellent formal multiplication

Class 4

William – Being an excellent "Swan" in English.

Caydi – Improved bravery in gymnastics.

Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. Children are invited to dress as a Super hero or even someone who they feel is their own personal hero. The other option would be to wear something red. A donation of £1 per child is requested please. We are also selling Red Noses from Monday 14th March, which are £1.50 each, sales will be limited to 1 per child initially and on Friday 18th, we will open this up to more, if there are any left unsold.

**BeeZee Bodies**

Attached is a flyer from BeeZee Bodies in Gloucestershire detailing their free healthy lifestyle programme, which is funded by Gloucestershire County Council for children and their families who are above the healthy weight range, aged 5-15 years olds. There are some free resources, including some fun recipes, health advice and top tips that families can enjoy.

The BeeZee Families programme has just started, but they can take new families for another week, or they will be running more programmes starting in May. It is a FREE afterschool programme for children and their families (parents & siblings welcome).

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school. It is advisable to contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis