



Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers

Rights Respecting – Article of the Week

Article 24 - Children have the right to the best possible health care **Equality/ individual liberty**

Great Daffodil Appeal Month - Marie Curie - discovered radium and polonium in the fight against cancer.



Attendance Policy

As we approach the spring and summer months, we would like to draw your attention to the school's Attendance Policy. Particularly, so that, parents/carers are aware of the possible ramifications of requesting leave during term time. You can find our policy here:

<https://www.steammillprimary.co.uk/website/policies/508742>

There are also information leaflets posted here:

<https://www.steammillprimary.co.uk/website/attendance/508747>



World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

For World Book Day this year, we are very lucky to have local author Charlotte L Taylor to run poetry workshops with the whole school. She will be working with each class and selling her books/ signing books after school. There will be more information to follow, regarding prices for these.



Children are welcome to wear **pyjamas** on this day to enjoy a 'bedtime' story and hot chocolate in their classes during the day.

Following our successful book swaps over the past few years, this year we are asking children to create a 'mystery book' to donate. If you have a book at home that is no longer wanted, please wrap it up in wrapping paper and attach some clues to the front of it e.g. If the book was Fantastic Mr Fox the clues could be - chapter book ages 6-9, animal story and adventurous. Children will then swap these in classes by reading the clues and deciding which book they are drawn to.

As always, World Book Day tokens will be handed out and they can be exchanged for a book or £1 off a book in all good bookshops and some supermarkets. If you have any questions, please ask class teachers or Mrs Gibbs.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief – Friday 21st March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day again this year. Children are invited to wear something **red**; we will also have a limited number of Red Noses to sell on the day. Noses are £2 each; we are not asking for any other donation for this day. Thank you.



Diary Dates

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:

11th April and 21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation activities)

March

6th World Book Day – Pyjamas!

Poetry Workshops for all classes Author Booksale after school (C Taylor)

19th Class 2 Trip to Bristol Zoo Project

Class 4 Trip to National Waterways Museum

21st Red Nose Day

April

1st Parents Evenings
From 2:30pm - Classes 2-4
From 3:30pm - Pre-School/C1

4th C2 Art Afternoon with Parents

8th Parents Evenings
From 2:30pm - Classes 2-4
From 3:30pm - Pre-School/C1

10th End of Term 4
FoSM Non-school Uniform TBC

11th Inset Training Day

28th Start of Term 5

May

8th Tempest Photography – Class photos and leavers photos

June

13th Sports Morning

27th Summer Fayre

Toadstool Tales

Multi-Award-Winning Author
Charlotte L. Taylor
 Thursday 6 March 2025

Book Sale After School:
 Any two signed books for £15,
 three for £22 or sold individually.

www.toadstooltales.com

★ Star of the Week Certificates ★

Pre-school
Isabella - Showing confidence in expressing her interests and needs with peers and adults.
Noah - staying focused on an activity for a long period of time.

Class 1
All of Class 1 for great effort in their first gymnastics lesson.

Class 2
Elliott - wonderful attitude to everything this week, great start to the term.
Harrison - lovely use of adjectives and inference skills to describe Humpty Dumpty.

Class 3
Carla - for improved confidence and contributions in lessons.

Class 4
Maeve - for finding her brave and being a great role model.
Arlo - for showing positivity with his learning.

Young Voices Trip

The 12 children from Class 4 had a wonderful time at the Young Voices concert on Wednesday. This was a Federation Trip with Soudley and Woodside children, where the children all sat together as one group. Mrs Gibbs and Miss Carlson said how proud they were of the children; really singing out, enjoying the concert and they all represented Steam Mills so well. Here are a few photos :



My Clothing Offer

One of uniform providers, My Clothing have a 10% discount off all orders placed by parents/carers before the end of March 2025.

Discount Code - **UNIFORM10%**

Here is a link for the website - [MyClothing](https://www.myclothing.co.uk)



- Quick, easy, and great value
- Your school uniform colours
- 800,000 high quality garments in stock
- Free delivery for orders over £50
- UK badge embroidery service



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**
- **No personal/unnecessary items from home.**



Contact with School/Class Teacher

If you have a class-based query, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance via the school office. Please be assured that teachers will respond, but not necessarily on the same day. Teachers are not expected to respond whilst they are teaching or beyond 5pm; your patience is appreciated.

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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