



Steam Mills Primary

21.06.2024



Dear Parents and Carers

School Lunches

If your child requires school lunches next week, please check now that you have ordered them on Parentpay. We have a 48 hr cut-off for all orders. Thank you. Our caterers (Alliance in Partnership) have given notice of a price increase from **September 2024**. The meal price will be increased to **£2.75** per meal – meals will remain free of charge to those on means tested Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Years R-2).

Relationships & Health Education Lessons

Relationships and Health Education lessons will be taking place in the summer term. If you would like to find out more information, you can check the Relationships and Health Education Policy available on the school website.

[Steam Mills Primary School - Policies](#)

Don't Forget!

Class 3 have their violin performance

Sports Day Morning – Picnic Lunch – Friday 28th June

Such a shame that we had to postpone our Sports Day Morning; the new date is **Friday, 28th June**. The morning should start on the "Big Field" from 9:30am. If it is sunny, please ensure children have sun-cream applied and a hat to wear as there isn't much shade on the field. We are also arranging for the children to enjoy a Picnic Lunch back in the school grounds on this day. Please could you ensure that only the main lunch options or sandwiches are ordered, we will not be providing Jacket Potatoes on this day. Thank you



Upcoming Federation Trip

We have a federation trip on Wednesday 10th July for **Class 1 and 2**. The children will be visiting Soudley School for a picnic and various outdoor activities. Please let Miss Agg know if you have not received an email with this trip letter information. Please could parents not order hot school dinners on this day as both classes will need packed lunches. However, you can order a school packed lunch in advance for your child, these will be delivered to school on Tuesday, ready for Thursday. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any queries.

Term Dates 2023-24

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September-20th December
Half Term

28th October-

INSET days:

22nd July

2nd September

25th October

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

June

24th Bump up mornings & Forest
& 25th High Taster Days Y6

24th Dene Magna Taster Week Y6
-28th

26th C3 Violin Performance
11:15am

28th Sports Morning

July

2nd Five Acres Taster Day for Y6

3rd- C4 Residential

5th

8th Come & Play Day – Rec 2024

10th Federation Picnic for
Class 1 and 2 at Soudley

11th School Discos

12th FoSM Summer Fayre

15th Reports week

16th Leavers Performances –
9:30am and 5:00pm

19th Last Day for children

22nd Inset Training Day

September

2nd Inset Training Day

3rd Start of Term 1

18th Rags2Riches Collection



FoSM Summer Fayre

Change of date – now Friday 12th July

The School Summer Fayre will now be taking place on Friday 12th July, starting at 3:15pm and finishing at approx. 5:30pm. There will be lots for families and friends, including; a Raffle, Tombola, Jingle Jars, BBQ, Bar, Games and more. We hope that you are able to attend and support FoSM with this fundraising which will go towards the next Pantomime Trip.

KS2 Prostars will be cancelled on this day as Mr Yearly will be providing games at the Fayre, parents will be refunded.

End of Year Reports

The children's reports will be sent home via email this year, directly from our school systems. It is really important that we have your up to date **email address** details in order for you to receive the report. Please let Miss Agg know if you need to update your email details. The report will give an attendance overview; should you require a full SIMS Attendance Report, please contact Miss Agg.

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 – this week the children have enjoyed running their very own ice cream shop, using real and pretend cones, ice cream scoops, a till and money, and talking about their favourite flavours. They have been using lots of mathematical language when serving each other, and have shared the space and taken turns with the resources. We have also decorated sandcastles with small shells and used our fingers and cotton buds in paint to decorate beach huts and other seaside pictures.

Class 1 – the children have been working hard on their pirate guides this week. We have been writing what a pirate needs, what a pirate is like and what we like most about them. In maths, reception have been recapping numbers to 10, more specifically 5 and a bit. We have been using tens frames and rekenreks to explore this and to consolidate our understanding. As a whole class we have been looking at the seaside and coasts, following on from our learning about the United Kingdom.

Class 2 - this week in our swimming session, the focus was on water safety and the prevention of drowning. The swim teachers taught the children what to do if they are in unsafe water and the children demonstrated this skill by lying like a starfish on their back in the pool. This was unnerving for some of the less confident swimmers; however, all of the children tried their very best and showed great resilience. The children also looked at images of unsafe or safe scenarios near water and discussed why it was safe/unsafe. We have also been working hard this week in our NFER/SATs papers and all children have demonstrated such great growth mindset!

Class 3 had a fantastic day learning all about mining in the forest. They visited Clearwell in the morning to explore iron and ochre mining and got to experience what life would have been like climbing through tight tunnels, holding the weight of a 'billy' on their back and holding some rock



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Maddie - showing great care and consideration to living things.

Benjamin - using resources to count in 10s up to 100.

Class 1

Luca and Theo: for their effort with their wonderful independent writing.

Star readers: Elliott, Charlie & Bella

Class 2

Freddie - fantastic work in statistics.

Marley - wonderful attitude in everything you do 😊

Class 3

Harper - great balance skills at gymnastics on the beam.

Blake P - lovely ideas in his thank you letter to the monkeys.

Class 4

Alyssa – for some lovely writing this week.

Cadi – for an overall improved attitude to school and learning.

containing iron. In the afternoon, they visited Hopewell to experience a coal mine. The children got to see what it was like for a child working at the coal face in a tight space and turned their lamps off to find out how dark it was. They were able to ask some excellent questions, showing their engagement with the topic. It was lovely to share this same trip on the same day with the other Y3/4 children from the Forest Federation. Please find a selection of photos from our trip:



Class 4 - in Science this week, the children were learning about how to separate materials (solids, liquids and gases) and how they could do this effectively with the resources provided. They completed this effectively and said they all tried a method they would never have thought to use – there were some excellent diagrams drawn to show this. We have been looking at the Literacy Shed video, Chaperon Rouge (a darker, futuristic version of Red Riding Hood) and Class 4 did a great job writing from the perspective of the wolf. Y5 and Y6 have been trying really hard with their writing over the last few weeks and we are very proud of what they have managed to achieve.

Yesterday, Class 4 took part in our Sports federation event. It was a lovely afternoon which all the children very much enjoyed. Teachers from all 3 schools commented on how well they all interacted with each other and all children there showed exceptional learning behaviours - using our 5 rules to shine! It was so nice to see them all leaving smiling and happy they had met lots of new people or even made new friends



Skills for Learning, Learning for Life

Author Visit – Wednesday 10th July

We have an author visit on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th July. There will be a whole school assembly, followed by a workshop of Classes 3 and 4.

If parents would like to, they can purchase a copy via linktr.ee/bwareauthor for their child to bring along on the day for the author to sign. B. Ware will also be selling signed copies at the end of the school day (via cash or card payments). **WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!** retails at £8.99. (The link above also contains her social media handles).



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, is returning once again this summer to provide enriching activities as well as delicious and nutritious food. HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This summer we are also able to extend this offer to any child who may benefit from attending the programme, through our grant funded Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

From 12pm on 17 June, families will be able to view activities that will be on offer this summer in their district to start planning their summer fun. Activities will be marked HAF, HAP, or both. From 12pm on 1 July, families will be able to book activities using our Children Activities Booking System (CABS). Activities will be available throughout the summer holiday period. If you have any queries, please email HAFparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Gloucestershire Music Peripatetic Service 2024-25

Attached is a letter inviting any new prospective pupils to sign up for small group or individual tuition music lessons at school.

FOREST OF DEAN GYMNASTIC CLUB

GYMNASTICS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY'S 10am - 3pm
3rd July, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August 2024

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS
£35.00 per workshop each

Use the apparatus in the gym, play games, fun circuits & competitions, get creative with crafts in the studio, eat your packed lunch and FINISH off in the gym for some free play fun.

Early drop off & late pick up available:
9am drop off – £10.00 additional cost
4pm pick up – £10.00 additional cost

RING 01594 833393 to book a place

Please note that payment is required to secure a booking

Forest of Dean Gymnastic Club, Five Acres, GL16 7QS
info@forestofdeangym.com

FOREST OF DEAN GYMNASTIC CLUB

SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2024

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Day/Session	Gym Tots 12m-4yr	Gym Fun 4yr-7yr	Gym Skills 7yr-9yr	Gym Skills 9yrs+	Workshop 5yr-12yr
Mon		9:00am - 10:00am	10:00am - 11:30am	11:30am - 1:00pm	
Tue	9:00am - 10:00am	10:00am - 11:00am	11:00am - 12:00pm		
Wed					10:00am - 3:00pm
Thu		9:00am - 10:00am	10:00am - 11:00am	11:00am - 12:00pm	
Fri	9:00am - 10:00am	10:00am - 11:00am	11:00am - 12:00pm		

Details: Free play fun in the studio with Parent/Carer | Coach led gymnastic fun using circuits & apparatus | Coach led, team gymnastic skills using circuits & apparatus | Coach led, team gymnastic skills using circuits & apparatus | Gymnastic fun, challenges and crafts to take home (after the session)

Sessions repeat every week of Summer, please note we are closed on 26/08 (B/H)
Wk 1: w/c 29/07, Wk 2: w/c 05/08, Wk 3: w/c 12/08, Wk 4: w/c 19/08, Wk 5: w/c 26/08

PHONE US NOW ON 01594 833393 TO BOOK!

Please quote week number, session & day when booking. We will need child's name, age, emergency contact number and payment to secure booking.

Session Prices: 1hr (£8.50), 1.5hr (£11.00)
Workshop: £35.00 (please see separate poster for more details)

FOGOC reserves the right to cancel a session if not enough have booked on to make it viable. In these instances, a replacement date will be offered or a refund.

Forest of Dean Gymnastic Club, Five Acres, GL16 7QW

Orchard Trust

SUMMER FAIR 2024

Sunday 7th July 2024
1pm - 4pm

Upper Stowfield, Lower Lydbrook GL17 9PD
www.orchard-trust.org.uk 01594 861137 Charity No. 801122
Adults £1.50 Under 12s free

Activities include: BBQ, Bar, Ice Creams, Cakes, Stalls & Games, Punch & Judy, Animal Petting, Henna, Urban Freesay Band, Lydbrook Training Band, The Rum Collective.

Orchard Trust sponsors: spirax, sarco, IFF, SAFEHANDS HYGIENE

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.