



Dear Parents/Carers,

Rags to Riches

Thank you for your kind donations for our Rags to Riches collection this week. We raised **£67.68** for FoSM, which will go towards their fundraising for the school. Our next collections will be on 21st September 2022 and 25th January 2023! Acceptable items are listed here; [What We Collect - Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools](#)

C3 & C4 trip Gloucester Mosque & Cathedral - Mon 27th Jun

We are unfortunately unable to change the date of the trip on Mon 27th June. Please would parents of Y6 children transitioning to Dene Magna and Forest High School contact Miss Agg to inform if they will be attending the Y6 induction days or have decided to go on the trip. A refund of monies will then be arranged, if necessary.

Jubilee

On Thursday 26th May, the last day of term we will celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a whole school picnic. Please could children bring a picnic blanket into school if possible.

This is also a FoSM non-school uniform day and we ask that children wear something red, white and blue or any one of these colours please. Instead of the usual donation, FoSM have asked for bottle donations for the Summer Fayre please.

The children will be busy making crowns and bunting during the day. Please could we ask for donations of cakes that should be shop bought for allergy purposes.

Children will be outside around 2.15pm and parents are invited from 2.30pm. School finishes at 3.15 as usual. Please ensure the class teacher is made aware when you are leaving so they can tick your child off their list.

Crown competition

Your child has been sent home with a crown competition to design, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Please decorate these at home and bring them into school by the morning of Thursday 26th June. There will be a prize for each year group. Please state both name and surname, along with Year group clearly on your entry.

Diary Dates

May

- 26th Last Day of Term
Jubilee Celebrations
FoSM Non-school
Uniform Day – Red,
White and Blue!
- 27th Inset Training Day
Bowling Club open
sessions – children
welcome from 3pm

June

- 6th Start of Term 6
- 7th Class 3 start
Gymnastics
- 15th C3 Trip to Clearwell
Caves & Hopewell
Colliery
- 17th Sports Day
- 24th Sponsored Walk
- 27th C3&C3 Trip to
Gloucester Mosque
& Cathedral

July

- 1st FoSM Non- uniform
day – Tombola
prizes for the
Summer Fayre
- 4th&6th Y5/6 Residential –
South Cerney
- 12th Leavers Play –
matinee & evening
- 13th Y5 Super Learning
Day – Five Acres
High
- 15th FoSM Summer Fayre
4pm
- 20th Last Day of Term –
FoSM Non-uniform
Day
- 21st Inset Training Day

Key Drivers

At Steam Mills, our drivers are what underpin what we work towards for our children. We want them to **aspire** to achieve their potential and understand the opportunities available to them.

Communication starts from EYFS and creates the foundation for our children to become successful members of the community; we want to provide children with opportunities to do this effectively in a range of ways. **Knowledge** is power and we want our children to have a rich knowledge of the world around them so that they able to draw upon this within school and beyond.

Please have a look at the Key Drivers for your child's class (document attached and link below) so you are aware of what they are working towards. If you feel there is something you could offer in order to help us achieve them, please speak to your child's class teacher: we welcome parental input.

https://www.steammillsprimary.co.uk/website/curriculum_at_steam_mills/452876

Class Snippets

Pre-school – We have been recreating the bear hunt story using small world figures, crates, planks and other materials. We have had role-play teachers with their own registers and have been busy learning of songs to sing for the Queens Jubilee.

Class 1 - This week we have been learning about our moon and looking at the 1969 moon landing. Using a combination of flour, coco powder and sand, we have been creating craters using stones and we have decorated a 3D class rocket.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2, we have been continuing to learn about castles. We looked at who lived in a medieval castle and what their jobs were in the castle. Class 2 had many wonderful ideas about what jobs they would like to do if they lived in a castle - most of them wanted to be the King and Queen so they didn't have to do any work!

Class 3 - Class 3 had a great time navigating using the 8 points of a compass to different tourist attractions in the Forest of Dean. They worked well in teams to help each other find their location. We have also noticed that the plants that we planted a few weeks ago have begun to grow in the tubs around school.

Class 4 - have worked hard on writing this week with describing features of dark and twisted fairy tales. We have looked at the importance of verbs, adjectives, antonyms and pathetic fallacy. We also had Primrose Hill teachers observing on Wednesday and they were very complimentary about the children in Class 4!

Drop & Go

As some of you may have noticed, we have had to take the decision to lock the KS2 gate earlier in the mornings. This is not done lightly and only after a number of previous requests to parents/carers to follow protocol in the mornings and not drop and go at this gate. The Drop & Go system has been put in place at the main car park to ease parking, congestion and the potential for accidents on the junction at the main road. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing issues with this and request again that all drop and go be at the back car park where Mrs Dickinson is there to assist with safe transition to the playground. **Please could all Y2-Y6 parents/carers use this system unless there is a genuine reason to park.**



Head Teacher Certificates



Pre-school

Maddison – for fantastic “We’re going on a Bear Hunt” story recall and play.

Robert – creating his own small world bear scene.

Class 1

Edward - for his enthusiasm whilst learning about the moon.

Jasmine - for her fantastic effort in all subjects.

Class 2

Fergie - for asking great questions to support our learning.

Isla D - for a wonderful monster description.

Class 3

Tallulah - great use of 8 point compass directions.

Max - excellent effort in reading.

Class 4

Jacob – for great use of pathetic fallacy.

Nevaeh – improved learning attitude in maths.

Breakfast Club

Please could you ensure that your child is booked into Breakfast Club in advance. We have to ensure that we have the correct staffing ratio for safeguarding. Booking forms are available from reception. If your booking is required unexpectedly, please contact Miss Agg to ensure that is space for your child.

Free School Meals – May Half Term Break

We would like to make you aware of the free school meal voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families of Gloucestershire.

This May half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM, which will cover the May half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

For parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please ask them to contact us so we can update their amount, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the May half term period is now open until the 24th May. Voucher emails will be sent out between 25th and 26th May. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers please contact with us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk<<mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk>> with the following details:

- * Full name
- * If you received any vouchers for the holiday and if so, how much.
- * When you originally signed up for the scheme
- * The email that you signed up to the scheme with
- * Eligible child(ren)'s
 - * Name
 - * School year they are in
 - * School they attend.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already, please visit our website: the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on<<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/?msclkid=192e0c5acf9b11eca8734a25a47c2046>> our website. Alternative link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/?msclkid=192e0c5acf9b11eca8734a25a47c2046>

Ellwood Football

Please find attached information from Ellwood Youth FC, who are a small family orientated youth football organisation.

Prostars – Half Term Club + Wildcats

With May half term just around the corner, Prostars are delighted to announce their confirmed venue for a half term kid's club camps. They are running at Dene Magna Secondary School, which is not far from Steam Mills.

Prostars have teamed up with the Gloucestershire FA to run girls only football sessions in Newent, based at Picklenash Juniors School. They also run girls only sessions at Tutshill. Wildcats is a great initiative designed to inspire girls aged between 5-11 to be involved in football. Wildcats Girls Football Clubs provides girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

Please see the attached information.

Taurus Crafts

Please find attached a flyer from Taurus Crafts detailing their half term activities.

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