

Steam Mills Primary

22.09.2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Dogs on the School Site

Please remember that the school has a no dog on site policy, even if you are carrying them. This is due to safeguarding and mental health issues, to protect all children.



Rags2Riches Collection

Thank you for your kind donations for our Rags 2 Riches collection this week. We raised £75.50 and this will go to FoSM to pay towards activities for the children this year. The next Rags2Riches collection is on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

Start of the School Day & Drop and Go

Please could we remind parents that the start of the school day is 8:45am, with drop and go operating at the main car park from 8:40am. Please note that the drop and go is for Classes 2, 3 and 4 only. Pre-school and Reception class children are to be brought into the playground by parents/carers due to safeguarding issues. Please can we also remind parents that **the KS1 and KS2 gates** are not to be used to "Drop and Go" as this causes congestion and backing up on to the main road, which could cause an accident. Thank you.

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme – Reception to Year 6

The NHS school vaccination team will be visiting on Friday 13th October 2023. All Parents/Carers should have received letters home in book bags. **All forms are required to be returned**, even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination. Please return by **Friday 29th September 2023**.

Joint activities for the children at Soudley, Steam Mills and Woodside Primary Schools

This year, staff across the three schools are organising several joint activities for different year groups. Children will meet their year group peers, make friends, share learning activities, share resources- and have fun! The idea is to enrich children's experiences and build on what is already happening at each school. This Autumn, Y1 and Y2 children will join up for Harvest activities; Y3 and Y4 for activities related to their Black History month Play-in-a-Day event; Y5 and Y6 for Remembrance related activities. We haven't forgotten EYFS children-they will join together in the Spring/Summer!

Children and staff will join up at one of the schools; transport will be organised and funded. Please look out for the dates on newsletters, so that children can bring (or book) a packed lunch. We intend to offer 2 joint activities this year for EYFS and 3 for the other year groups.

The parental consent form you have completed for trips will cover these events. We hope that children will enjoy these opportunities and thank the staff in advance for planning these enrichment events.

Diary Dates

October

- 3rd Tempest Individual/Sibling photos
- 4th Class 3 Virtual Egypt Event
- 10th Parents Evenings 3:30-6:15pm
- 11th Konflux Theatre visiting C3
- 13th Nasal Flu Immunisations
- 17th Parents Evenings 3:30-6:15pm
- 24th Class 4 Trip to Birmingham Museum
- 25th Coram Life Education Visit (PSHE) whole school
- 29th Football Competition at Five Acres School
- 30th Half-term Holiday

November

- 6th Inset Training Day
- 7th Start of Term 2

December

- 6th Pantomime – Classes 1-4 (Article 29- develop a child's talents).
- 22nd Inset Training Day
- 25th Christmas Holidays

In addition to this, the School Council at Steam Mills will be sharing information about Rights Respecting Schools with Woodside and Soudley's school council members via a Teams meeting, in early October. This is because Woodside and Soudley schools will be learning more about Unicef's 'Rights of the Child' this year and work towards their Bronze Awards. We look forward to helping our school council members lead this initiative and are grateful to Mrs Gibbs at Steam Mills for this additional opportunity.

Parents Evening

We are holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 17th 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 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.

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 Pre-School have been looking at our facial features and the differences that make us all special. We have used a mirror to see and talk about our reflection and used paint to create a self-portrait. We have discussed the change in weather and began to look at the season 'Autumn'.

Class 1 have behaved very well for their supply teacher this week, she was particularly impressed with the children's tidying up skills! Today with Mrs Evans, we read "Elmer" by David McKee. The children also enjoyed decorating their own elephant to show that we are all special and we all belong. In Phonics this week we have investigated and learnt "sat".

Class 2 - this week in Class 2 we have been researching and writing fact files. The children finished their fact files about Astronauts this morning, which lead us nicely into our history lesson about Neil Armstrong and his life. Some children thought about whether they would like to go to space and were happy to learn you can still eat pizza in space! The children have enjoyed our class book Astro Girl and have all done some lovely writing around this. We will be looking at a new book next week.

Class 3 have enjoyed music this week and we have been rehearsing a song playing the notes C and D on the glockenspiels. The children have impressed me with their knowledge of musical notation including using the vocabulary: stave, crotchet and minum. They have been busy writing a missing part of a story this week focusing on using adverbs and prepositions to make their writing interesting and in guided reading we have created flow maps to sequence events, tree maps to categorise characters and answered a range of comprehension questions.

Class 4 have been working hard this week in a number of areas. Mrs Thomas was really impressed with some of their imaginative moves for their dances in PE, for the Haka – the children seem to be really enjoying the dance theme and how it currently links to the Rugby World Cup. Some children

**Star of the Week Certificates**

Pre-school
Rosie - for always being so kind, helpful and caring.
Benjamin - for forming the letter B for his name independently.

Class 1
Bella & Harrison

Class 2
Adam - always being confident and ready with amazing contributions in class.
Carla - a positive attitude to learning, always trying her best

Class 3
Dexter - for excellent, focused work in maths.
Arlo - for a positive start to Y4, working hard in all areas.

Class 4
Rhys – for excellent class contributions.
Ellwood – for a really positive start to Year 6.

are even watching the games so they can get some more ideas to bring to school, which is brilliant. Flute is also going well and they are impressing Miss Wilson with their improved embouchures and reading of music. Class 4 won class stars this week, which they were very pleased about!

Severn Trent Water

This week, KS2 children had an assembly with Severn Trent water learning all about sewers. Members of Class 3 helped pull items from the giant sewer that often get put down the drain or toilet and thought about how to stop fat bergs building up. They learnt a catchy song about the three Ps: paper, pee and poo! We were given this lovely certificate following our "Super Sewers" assembly.



Uniform

We have lots of second hand uniform at present. Please come into the school office if you would like a look through the items, £1 each with money going to FoSM for children's events. Please could we also remind parents/carers to name items so that they can be easily reunited with children. Thank you.

Illness

Please report any absence due to illness before 9:30am via the absence option on the school answer machine. When doing so, please state the reason (ie. Cold, sickness, migraine etc.), just saying they are ill or not well is not sufficient for our absence records. Thank you.

Xmas 4 Schools

We are again offering the Xmas 4 Schools scheme for children to create a picture to turn into a mug/ calendar etc. The forms will be distributed to children over the next few days to produce their designs. The forms will be sent home on Wednesday 11th October and need to be returned back to school by Wednesday 18th October if you would like to order items.

Gloucestershire Music – Instrument Hire Offer

There is a current for £10 Instrumental Hire Offer to students so that they are able to take an instrument home and practice the skills learnt in class with our GM WCET tutor. As part of this deal your students can bring their newly hired instrument to a music centre foundation ensemble for no charge to develop their ensemble playing and further inspire them to make music.

Please note – If your school is in receipt of ukulele or recorder WCET it is often cheaper for parents to purchase an instrument rather than accessing through this scheme. Once purchased the student can attend music centre free of charge. We can offer recorder purchase through GM, please contact us for details. Please note – p-buzz is not available for hire or purchase at this time.

More information and a link to our website for parents to sign up is here: [WCET £10 Instrumental Hire Offer - Gloucestershire music](#) along with an attached electronic version of the leaflet.

Monster Phonics Webinar

There is a monster phonics parent webinar scheduled for parents on 4th October. If you are interested in learning more about how we teach phonics you can reserve a place by opening the link below:

[Monster Phonics a Guide for Parents Tickets, Wed 4 Oct 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Cinderford Community Showcase

Please find attached details of this event taking place on Saturday 30th September.

Forest Boars Football

Goals Beyond Grass, we are an inclusive sports charity and have a new session launching in Cinderford.

The session is a PAN Football session for children aged between 8-16. This session is an inclusive football session which can be for children, boys or girls, who have any difficulties, disabilities or any children who may struggle to fit into a mainstream football session for whatever reason. The session is mixed ability session so participants don't have to of played before to join in and participate.

The sessions are at the Cinderford Town youth 3G pitch which is located behind Freedom Leisure and run every other Tuesday, Starting this upcoming Tuesday. Further information is on the flyer attached.

Ellwood Football

We are a not for profit voluntary run local youth football club based in Ellwood in the Forest of Dean.

We will be training in Lydney from Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at Freedom Leisure Lydney. We offer a free month's trial only to new children attending to help local families to see if there child would enjoy it.

We have very limited spaces.

U5s reception-

U7s Year 2-

U8s Year 3-

U9s Year 4-

This is for boys and girls- contact J Bevan on 07707834782

Beezee Bodies

BeeZee Bodies are here to encourage as many families as possible to make healthy sustainable change so here is our September timetable and a link to our BeeZee Academy with tips to help with fussy eating.

Hello, Parents & Guardians!

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We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Gloucestershire Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.* We run [BeeZee Families](#) courses after school across Gloucestershire. Please see our timetable below for venues, dates and time. Come along for free!

MONDAY (from 18 th Sept)	Kingfisher Church Moor Street, Gloucester, GL1 4NJ 18:30 - 19:30
TUESDAY (from 19 th Sept)	St Barnabas Church Stroud Road, Gloucester GL1 5LJ 18:30 - 19:30
WEDNESDAY (from 20 th Sept)	Miners Welfare Hall Wesley Rd, Cinderford GL14 2JW 18:30 - 19:30
THURSDAY (from 21 st Sept)	St Marks & Hesters Way Community Center Brooklyn Rd, Cheltenham GL51 8DS 18:30 - 19:30

Or you can join our free online programme. Visit our website:
www.beezeebodies.com/programs/families-live

BeeZee Live times

5-8 yrs Monday 5:30pm	9-12 yrs Tuesday 5:00pm
9-12 yrs Monday 6:30pm	9-12 yrs Tuesday 6:30pm

September is... back to school routines

Stressed out after a summer of feeding the kids?? We've got you! 😊

FUSSY EATING
is now LIVE on

BAC BeeZee Academy

Scan here to sign up

*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to a school in Gloucestershire and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

BeeZee Families | www.beezeebodies.com | 01452 717262 | Gloucestershire

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