

# Steam Mills Primary

23.09.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Rags to Riches – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Thank you for your donations of clothing etc. for Rags to Riches, this collection made £70.76 for FoSM which will go towards their special events for the school. Our next collections for Rags to Riches are 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## Drop and Go/Parking

Please could we encourage parents to use the Drop and Go system in the mornings, this is available between 8:50am and 9:00am to children in Classes 2-4. The system was introduced to alleviate parking issues for those parents that need to park for younger children. Thank you.

## Sponsored Walk

Apologies for the delay in announcing the total for the Sponsored Walk. We have a current total of **£1271**, which is absolutely amazing! Please do still hand in any last minute sponsor money to the office, if this could be done before **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Thank you.

## Nasal Flu Immunisations – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Please ensure all forms are returned as soon as possible and before Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. **We need to receive all forms back even if you are opting out of your child receiving the vaccination.**

## School Meals

Please could you ensure that school meals are booked onto the Parentpay system for your child. If for any reason you are not able to book, please either provide a packed lunch from home or call the school to request an emergency meal by 10:30am. We have a number of children coming to school with no food and as our meals are pre-ordered it is becoming increasingly difficult to find spare meals each time.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning – 10am Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. All parents/carers are welcome to join us in the school hall. Could we please ask for donations of cakes, any left-over we will plan a little cake sale for the children, please

## School Calendar 22/23

### Term 1

5<sup>th</sup> Sept to 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

### Term 2

1<sup>st</sup> Nov to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Term 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Term 4

27<sup>th</sup> Feb to 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Term 5

17<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

5<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July

### Inset Days:

5<sup>th</sup> Sep, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct,

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July

### Diary Dates

26<sup>th</sup> C4 visit to Bletchley Park

28<sup>th</sup> C3 visit to Cheddar Caves

30<sup>th</sup> Reception-Year 6 Nasal

Flu Immunisations

MacMillan Coffee

Morning – 10am

### October

5<sup>th</sup> Tempest Individual and sibling photos (a.m)  
In the Net Production for Y5 pupils (p.m)

10<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

12<sup>th</sup> Konflux Theatre Company visit Y3/4 – diversity within Black History month

17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Week

18<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

(Information to follow)

21<sup>st</sup> Inset Training Day

24<sup>th</sup> Half Term Holiday

31<sup>st</sup> Start of Term 2

### December

1<sup>st</sup> Pantomime Trip (Info to follow)

8<sup>th</sup> Visitor: Harold the Giraffe – Life Education

12<sup>th</sup> Pre-school Pantomime Trip (Info to follow)

### January 2023

25<sup>th</sup> Young Voices

Concert,

Birmingham.

Rags to Riches

could children bring in 50p for this. Donations for the coffee and cake from parents to MacMillan would be greatly appreciated.

### Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings will be taking place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, between 3:30pm and 6:10pm in the school hall. The booking system will go live next week on ParentPay. If you have any issues booking your child a slot, please contact Miss Agg. Please also note that appointments are strictly limited to a maximum of 10 minutes per child. We will also have Pupil Contact Information Sheets for you to check and update after your appointment, you can either return this to the collection point on the day or take away with you to update and return to the school office later.

### Young Voices

All children who have joined the Young Voices Choir Club on Thursday's after school, should have brought home an order form for the Parent Tickets/T-shirts. Please let Miss Agg know if you have not received this and need another copy. The forms and payment need to be returned by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 please.

Here is also a link for the songs for children to practice at home if they wish:

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=MYgpp4E5pCRbTFiG>

### Class Snippets

**Pre-school** – We have engaged in role playing; 'being doctors' and having tea parties. We have also been looking closely at our faces and creating pictures of them using paints, pens and crayons, then talking about what we can see.

**Class 1** - This week Class 1 have started their phonics and maths. They've really enjoyed searching for the different sounds in the classroom, and have become very skilful at subitising.

**Class 2** - This week, Class 2 have impressed and amazed me once again! The year 1's have been doing some of our maths and phonics lessons outside while we still have the good weather. The chalk around the school is from their fantastic phonics lessons where they have used 've' and 'ck' in some words and sentences. The year 2s have been absolutely brilliant in maths this week; they have been using the base 10 equipment to make and partition numbers.

**Class 3** - Class 3 have had a brilliant week exploring a new book, Fantastic Mr Fox. They have enjoyed swimming and they have all made good progress in the water! Keep up the good work!

**Class 4** - Class 4 have enjoyed learning this week. In History, we learned about how World War II started and how Great Britain were prepared BEFORE it was even announced; the children were particularly impressed that Queen Elizabeth II (then Princess Elizabeth) pitched in as well and learned to be a mechanic... They did not think princesses would have to do this! They have enjoyed Yoga and are doing well in their PE lessons with Mr Yearly. We are really looking forward to our trip on Monday.

### Harvest Festival

The school will be celebrating Harvest Festival w/c 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The children are busy learning new songs, there will be a singing assembly and class activities during the week. We would like to ask children to bring in a donation to support The Forest Foodbank if possible please,

Skills for Learning, Learning for Life

### Head Teacher Certificates

#### Pre-school

**Elodie** – recognising 's' sounds in words.

**Luca** – talking about the marks he has made.

#### Class 1

**Zia** - for always being helpful.

**Lewis** - for a fantastic first phonics lesson.

#### Class 2

**Dexter** - Going above and beyond in English.

**Sybil** - Amazing independent writing.

#### Class 3

**Bailey** - working hard to improve his writing.

**Bertie** - settling in well at Steam Mills.

#### Class 4

**Aurelia** - for always being a supportive learning partner.

**Rhys** - for a renewed passion for Maths.

this can be brought in any time between Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> is Inset Training Day). The Foodbank are asking for donations of the following:

*Soup*  
*Smash Potato*  
*Jam*  
*UHT Milk*  
*Microwave Rice*  
*Tinned Vegetables*  
*Tinned Fruit*  
*Tinned Rice Pudding*  
*Shower Gel*  
*Shampoo*  
*Washing-up Liquid*  
*Washing Powder/Liquid*  
*Cat and Dog Food*

### **Furniture**

We still have a couple of chairs and some tables which are excess to requirement. Please contact Miss Agg if you are interested in giving them a home.

### **Summer Fayre**

There are a number of food containers and plates awaiting collection in the school office. These were left after the school fayre. Please see Miss Agg if you think they may be yours.

### **RRSA- Poster competition**

Rights Respecting is an important part of our learning at Steam Mills. To start off the school year, we are holding a poster competition. Choose one of the Articles (list attached) and create a poster with the article name and illustrate what that means to you. For example, Article 29- Education should promote children's talents and personality. You could draw children taking part in lots of activities such as: swimming, gymnastics, forest school and art.

Entries need to be handed to your class teacher by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September and posters will be displayed around the school.

### **Walks to the Church**

Class 2 and Class 4 are planning to walk to the local Church on a day during September (day to be confirmed). As part of the RE topic they will be walking to the local church this term to find out more about Christianity and meet Reverend Clare. This will give them a chance to ask any questions and help to give children an opportunity to understand others who may have different beliefs to them.

This local trip is covered under the generic trip permissions that parents signed when children join Steam Mills but we just wanted to highlight that this will be happening.

### **Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme: October Half-term Information**

This October half term, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families 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.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

Families who have signed up to the scheme will receive £15 per child, for the week half term.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage <<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>>

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

For those 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 at [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) <<mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk>> so we can update their account, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term period are now open until the 11 October. Voucher emails will be sent out on 19 October. Please check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 19 October, please contact us by emailing [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) <<mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk>>.

### **The Voice Kids 2023**

We have received this from ITV –

The Voice Kids will be returning to our screens on ITV in 2023 and we're looking for super talented singers and duos aged 7-14\* who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage.

I was hoping to touch base to see if you know of any exceptional young singers that would be interested in taking part in the next series?

Parents are welcome to email me directly to chat further or they can submit an application form via this link; [itv.com/beontv/articles/thevoicekids](http://itv.com/beontv/articles/thevoicekids). Please note that we cannot consider any child for participation unless we receive an application form from a parent or duly authorised legal guardian – please do not include any details of any child in any response you send.

Applications must be submitted by a parent/legal guardian and auditions are taking place in October and November 2022. If you have any questions or wish to find out more, please feel free to get in touch with me directly on [hester.teasdale@liftedentertainment.com](mailto:hester.teasdale@liftedentertainment.com) and 0161 952 1338

*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.*