



Steam Mills Primary

15.09.2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Cookery Club

Apologies that the Cookery Club did not start as planned this week. We are looking forward to welcoming the children this coming Tuesday 19th September for the start of their 5 week club. Please ensure payment is made via ParentPay in advance

Rags2Riches Collection

The Rags2Riches collection is on Wednesday 20th September. Please note that if you have additional bags, plain ones are fine to use. Collection is usually in the morning, please could bags be dropped off opposite the main gate between 7:45am and 9:15am. Thank you.

Start of the School Day & Drop and Go

Please could we remind parents that the start of the school day is 8:45am and as such Teaching Staff are not able to have discussions with parents at this time. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please phone school or email admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange an after school appointment. Thank you.

The drop and go system is operating daily from 8:40am and is at the **reception car park gate**, please do not drop your child/ren at the KS2 gate unless you yourself are parking up and coming into school with them.

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**.

Curriculum

Please visit the curriculum tab to see what your child is learning. On this page, you will find the year overview for each class, including pre-school, as well as their current learning units. Their Knowledge Organisers are also available for this term and these documents are an important part of the learning they do – your child should have been sent a home with a copy of these so that you can support them with learning conversations at home, and for the older year groups, the children will be set a section a week to revise and learn ready for some fun quizzes in school.

Here is the link to view the curriculum information for your child:

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

Friends of Steam Mills (FoSM) Meeting

There will be a meeting in school at 3:15pm on Friday 22nd September. We look forward to working with parents/carers (old and new!) during this new school year!

Diary Dates

September

20th Rags 2 Riches collection

22nd FoSM Meeting

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 Flue Immunisations

17th Parents Evenings 3:30-6:15pm

24th Class 4 Trip to Birmingham Museum

25th Coram Life Education Visit (PSHE) whole 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

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 will be open for booking from 6pm this evening. New families to the school should have received their login details this week. 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 we have started to talk about ourselves and our families. We have enjoyed exploring outdoors in the Pre-school garden and on the field. The children are really settling in well.

Class 1 - This week in Class 1 has been lots and lots of fun. We have been doing lots of singing and dancing with the help from Pete the Cat. Reception learnt their first sound this week (s), we practised the sound the letter makes and we also went on a letter hunt around the classroom. Year 1 have been engaging well with the phonics and maths, and have been demonstrating to the younger children the classroom expectations.

Class 2 - This week, the children in Class 2 have had a wonderful week. They have been working very hard with their maths and English. We have started looking at our class book, Astro Girl. We have been looking at the character of Astrid and thinking about what she wants to be when she grows up. All of the children have been using their phonics skills to sound out words really well and create fantastic pieces of writing.

Class 3 have had a busy morning today creating some artwork. We have been exploring Ancient Egypt and looked at some paintings on papyrus paper. They have thought about gods and the Egyptian way of life shown in the paintings. We then explored pop art by Andy Warhol and experimented with raised and relief printing to create patterns and shapes.

We had an excellent time at swimming on Tuesday- the children are very confident in the water and making good progress.

Class 4 have had a good week this week – the children have started looking at their new text in English and are very excited to learn about the 'Hidden Figures' in the space race. Y5 and Y6 have made a strong start with their Maths this week; both year groups have been learning about place value and number and they are working hard to understand the concepts. They have been trying out Escher-inspired tessellations in art this week and will also be starting their flute lessons with Miss Wilson.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Penny – being brave and confident during her first week at Pre-school.

Oak – being confident when trying new activities.

Class 1

Tate - for being really kind in class, especially to the new children in school.

Theo - for settling in beautifully in his new school.

Class 2

Piper - for a fantastic start back at school, great attitude to learning.

Lewis - for always being kind and helpful.

Class 3

Blake - beautiful handwriting.

Sam - completing tasks with increased independence.

Class 4

Pacey – for a positive start to Year 5.

Evie – for setting a great example as a Year 6.

Uniform and PE Kits

We have already seen a number of children wearing shoes that are not uniform specifications as listed in the parent handbook (black shoes – robust and sensible enough for outside play). If your child has an issue with their school shoes or any other part of their uniform, please send a note to the class teacher so they are aware and how long it may be before they are replaced.

PE kits also need to be checked – a number of children, particularly in KS2, are wearing football shorts or full strips for PE. PE Kit at Steam Mills should be the following: white or burgundy t-shirt with school logo (however plain is fine) and black/grey shorts or jogging bottoms.

Here is the full uniform section from the Parent Hand book:

Uniform

School Uniform can be purchased from Tesco online or School Trends.

- Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan preferably with school logo
- Black or grey trousers or skirts.
- White shirt or burgundy polo shirt, burgundy T-shirt with school logo for PE.
- Black, white or grey socks or tights.
- Burgundy or red and white gingham dress or skirt for girls in the summer.
- Children may wear appropriate black or grey shorts.
- Black shoes must be sensible and robust enough for outside play; no flip-flops or Crocs in the summer, for example.
- We prefer appropriate sports trainers for outside PE rather than daps.
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We have a selection of second hand uniform items. Please contact the School Business Manager if you are interested in any items. We ask for a small donation of £1 per item, which goes to Friends of Steam Mills (FoSM).

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn in school. The wearing of earrings is discouraged, but if worn, these should be simple studs only and must be removed for PE. On PE days, please provide tape to cover your child's earrings, if they are unable to remove them. Children may wear watches, but the school cannot take responsibility for them.

Hair, if long, should be tied back each day. We do not allow tram-lines/shaved patterns in short hair and natural hair dyes are acceptable.

No make- up is to be worn whilst at school.

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.

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](#)

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