



Steam Mills Primary

04.10.2024



Dear Parents/Carers

Rags 2 Riches Collection – Monday 30th September

Thank you so much to those that donated to our Rags 2 Riches collection on Monday. We raised an amazing **£80.28** with 200.7Kg of clothing. Our next collection is booked for Wednesday 22nd January.



Here you will find a list of acceptable items to donate :

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

Many thanks again!

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 8th October & Tuesday 15th October

We are holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday 8th October and Tuesday 15th 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.

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme – YR to Y6

The NHS school vaccination team will be visiting on **Wednesday 9th October 2024**. Please find attached details of how to register your child, this is all being administered on-line this year, so there will not be any paper copies of forms going home. **Please note that you need to login even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination, failure to do this will lead to a follow up call from the school and possibly the NHS vaccination team.**

Second-hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 16th October

The school will be holding a second-hand uniform sale of **Wednesday 16th October** from 3pm, until 4pm. All items will be £1 each and proceeds go to FoSM. If you need any extra uniform, please do come along!

Xmas for Schools – Monday 21st October deadline

The children will be bringing home Christmas pictures today and parents/carers will be able to return an order form to order items with their child's very own design. The return date is Monday 21st October. You can find out more information about this scheme here : <https://xmas4schools.co.uk/>

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September-20th December

Half Term

28th October-1st November

Spring term 2025

6th January-11th April

Half Term

17th-21st February

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

Half Term

26th May - 30th May

INSET days:

25th October

6th January

11th April

21st July

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

October

8th Parents Evenings

9th Nasal Flu Vaccinations

15th Parents Evenings

Y1/Y2 to Woodside for
Autumn Activities

16th Second Hand Uniform Sale

22nd Reading Café – everyone
welcome

24th Harvest Festival Collection/
Non-school Uniform Day

25th Inset Training Day
End of Term 1

November

4th Start of Term 2

Teams 4 U

The school is taking part in the Teams 4 U shoebox charity collection once again this year. All children should be bringing a leaflet home today which gives all the information needed. The charity is happy to accept complete shoebox donations or separate items that would be suitable. Please could all donations be handed in by **Thursday 14th November 2024**. You can find more information here: <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>
Thank you



Harvest Festival Collection and Non-School Uniform Day – Thursday 24th October 2024

This year we are again donating items to the Forest Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival celebration, supporting people in our local community. We have been asked by the Foodbank to request the following items if possible, which can be handed into reception or the class teacher:



fruit juice, Smash, sponge puddings, jelly, Angel Delight, jam, packet soup, instant noodles, multipack crisps, UHT milk. Toiletries and household products such as washing powder and washing up liquid. Thank you!



The children will be having an assembly with Forest Foodbank on Thursday 24th October to explain what they do and how we can help as well as singing Harvest songs with Mrs Evans. **Article 24- the right to nutritious food**

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 at Pre-School we started our Music Project with Rosie. We made some shakers and got involved in some music play with Rosie. We also completed some Christmas crafts for our families to order if they want to! We have enjoyed the Autumn sun, playing hide and seek in the garden and enjoying the school field. We had balloon play working as a team to keep the balloon up in the air which was good fun and caused lots of laughter! We have also enjoyed our first afternoon at Forest School today with Class 1. Our number this week has been 4 and our sound has been P.

Class 1 – in Class 1 this week we have been earning lots of marbles for our kindness jar. We have also been working hard on using our words to resolve conflicts and issues we may have with our friends. This is a really tricky concept, but the children have been wonderfully trying their best. In phonics, our new sounds this week are m, d, & g. Our HFW's are 'and, dad & am'. Please encourage your children to practise their sounds every time they read and remember, reaching the beehive is a really useful incentive to get your children to read at home. They start on the bee and finish on the beehive. In maths, we have been comparing quantities. We were making sure that we had enough items for the three bears to have a picnic and then moved on to comparing the different ways to make 4.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Callie - for enjoying all aspects of Pre-School.

Noah - for taking part in Yoga and having a really go.

Class 1

Riley- for trying his best to be kind to others.

Benahim - for his letter formation of his name.

Tobiasz - for never giving up when practising his name writing.

Star readers

Willow, Rosie, Reggie & Benjamin.

Class 2

Texas- Rose - fantastic listening to adults and following instructions.

Daphne - being very helpful and caring.

Class 3

Ariana - for listening well to produce great explanations in maths.

Lily M - for participating well in class discussions.

Poppy - for completing her reading challenge.

Class 4

Corey - for trying hard in all areas of learning.

Mollie - for perseverance and effort in Maths.

Class 2 – this week, we have started a new class book in English. We have begun to look at Lubna and Pebble. This is a story about a refugee child who only had a pebble as a friend. The children were all given a pebble at the start of the week to look after. We described our Pebbles using adjectives and described our homes using noun phrases. The children have all looked after their pebbles very well so far! In maths, the Y1s have begun to look at 2D shapes; they have also learnt the split digraph a-e in phonics. The Y2s have focused on the el, le and il spelling rules.

Class 3 have impressed me with their fabulous listening skills this week to produce amazing pieces of writing. They wrote stories based on Lights on Cotton Rock and reports about aliens. They have remembered all of the grammar taught so far. In music, they composed their own pieces using minims, crotchets and quavers. They enjoyed listening to Ode to Joy by Beethoven. A great week, well done!

Class 4 - this week, Class 4 have been very busy. In History, the children completed their flow maps about the Battle of Britain; we considered the tactics the Germans tried to use and how they were not successful, and the implications this had for Britain when the Blitz started. We also started to look at some resources from the Cheltenham Museum and what these items may be or used for - we will find out more on Monday afternoon! In English, we listened to Neville Chamberlain's speech, when he announced the start of WW2, and how this would have made people feel - the children did a really good job trying to create their own speeches with similar levels of formality, and they learnt how annotations can support the pace and tone of the delivery of speeches, too.

Dave's Pony Competition

We have received information about this competition. www.loiskingscottauthor.com/competitions



Dave and Darcy's Drawing Competition

Let your imagination run wild with this fun new drawing competition!

One winner and two runner up prizes per age group (ages 4-6 and 7-9)

Winner prizes:
A full set of Dave and Darcy picture books, colouring and activity book, a horseshoe from the real Dave, and a £15 voucher to spend at your favourite independent children's shop (each prize worth over £70)

Runner up prizes:
£15 to spend at www.loiskingscottauthor.com

All entrants will receive a £5 voucher to spend at www.loiskingscottauthor.com

£200 worth of prizes!

How to enter:

- 1 Download the Dave's Pony Tales e-book at www.loiskingscottauthor.com
- 2 Choose your favourite 'Pony Tale' and draw a picture to illustrate the story
- 3 Email your entry by 17th November 2024 to lois@loiskingscottauthor.com

*For full details of the competition and Terms & Conditions, please visit www.loiskingscottauthor.com/competitions



Volunteer Panel members needed GCC

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

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

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