

Steam Mills Primary

30.09.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our MacMillan Coffee Morning today and all those who donated cakes. We will let you know the total raised next week.

Tempest Photography

Individual, sibling and family photos will be taking place on Wednesday 5th October. If you have younger children (pre Pre-school or not their Pre-school day) and would like a group family photo you are welcome to come into school between 8:00am and 9:00am. All individual and siblings photos will be taken during the school morning.

Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings will be taking place on Monday 10th October and Tuesday 18th October, between 3:30pm and 6:15pm in the school hall. The booking system is now live on eSchools. 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.

SEN appointments are available for those parents who have this option (on eSchools booking) and who would like to meet with Miss Barber.

Pre-school have recently sent out a letter to all Pre-school parents detailing the arrangements for their Parents Evenings.

Scholastic Book Fair

Please find attached details of the Scholastic Book Fair which will be running at the same time as the Parents Evenings. This year's fair will be card only payments please via QR code, so please ensure you bring your phone along!

Class Snippets

Pre-school – the children have enjoyed 'dressing up' and talking about the importance of being a kind friend. We

School Calendar 22/23

Term 1

5th Sept to 21st Oct

Term 2

1st Nov to 16th Dec

Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th Feb

Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

Term 5

17th April to 26th May

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

5th Sep, 21st Oct,

3rd Jan, 24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

October

5th Tempest Individual & sibling photos (a.m)
In the Net Production for Y5 pupils (p.m)

7th FoSM Meeting – 3pm

10th Parents Evening

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

17th Harvest Festival Week

18th Parents Evening

21st Inset Training Day

24th Half Term Holiday

31st Start of Term 2

November

4th Special Bonfire Night Lunch

December

1st C1-C4 Pantomime Trip (Info to follow)

8th Visitor: Harold the Giraffe Life Education

12th Pre-school Pantomime Trip (Info to follow)

13th Pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity Performances (9:00am and 5:00pm)

15th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

16th Christmas Parties & Choir Concert – 1:30pm

January 2023

25th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

Rags to Riches Collection

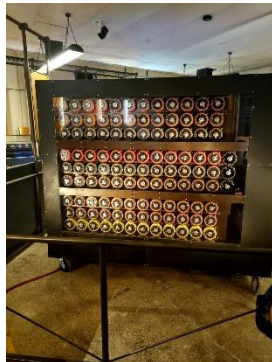
have also talked about and drawn our families who are special to us. We have used natural resources we have collected, to create faces too!

Class 1 - this week Class 1 have been looking at Steam Mills Primary School, then and now, and have been looking at how the school has physically changed over time. We have also been working really hard on our sounds (s, a, t, p, i, n) and this week's tricky words as we have been going on tricky word and phoneme hunts around the classroom.

Class 2 - Class 2 were a credit to the school this week with their behaviour at the church on Thursday. They walked very sensibly with Class 4 and spotted different objects at the church; for example, the stained-glass window and the font. They were very excited to see a dog at the church! Thank you to Mrs Evans and Miss Carlson for organising the trip and for the parents who volunteered their time to come with us.

Class 3 - Class 3 had an amazing trip to Cheddar Gorge this week. We met a Stone Age man who showed us how to make fire using flint and sticks, explored the foods that they ate, how they made shelter, the clothes they wore and how they made tools. The children asked lots of questions and got really involved in their learning. The caves were amazing too and they saw the bones of Cheddar Man! Well done, Class 3!

Class 4 - Class 4 have had a great learning week. The children had their trip to Bletchley Park and they learnt all about how coding played a vital part to the Allies victory. They learnt how the Allies used decoys and deception to ensure D-Day was a success and got hands on with decrypting messages and using an Enigma machine. The children have also walked to the local church this week as a part of their RE studies and learnt why Christians have the values and beliefs they follow.



Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Aakelah – matching quantity to numeral 1-5.

Caitlin – wonderful imagination in her role play.

Class 1

Adam - for working super hard in phonics.

Bella - for her wonderful handwriting.

Class 2

Xander - for editing his work to use finger spaces.

Alfie C - using his phonic knowledge to sound out words when writing.

Class 3

Toby- Improved attitude and focus towards learning.

Cole- For increased independence and being a super helper.

Class 4

Tiffany - for being a shining example to her peers.

Oscar (Y6) - for always working hard supporting others.

Black History Month

October celebrates Black History month. This is a month to celebrate the achievements and contributions of key figures and links with RRSA articles 2, 12, 29 and 30.

Article 2- Children have the right to non-discrimination whatever their ethnicity, gender or religion.

Article 12- Every child has the right to express their views.

Article 29- Education must develop children's talents and abilities.

Article 30- Children from minority groups have the right to learn and use their language, customs and religious beliefs.

These articles link to the British Values of Equality and Individual Liberty. Throughout October, we will be exploring a range of significant figures in assemblies but these are also celebrated at other times in the school year.

Special Bonfire Meal – Friday 4th November

Your child should be bringing home a lunch order form for Friday 4th November. Please complete a slip and also order/pay for a school lunch on ParentPay (the description will not match but we will go by the order slip). Thank you.

Nut Free School

Reminder to parents that we are a nut free school, please no nuts should be sent in the children's lunch boxes. Many thanks.

Birthday Cakes

Due to allergies and in the interest of fairness to all, we request that birthday cakes/treats are no longer be sent in to school. Thank you.

Drop & Go and Mornings

Please could parents of children in Class 2-4 make use of the drop and go system at the **main car park**, parents are still trying to drop and go at the roadside gates which is causing congestion and danger. Also, all children must be supervised by a parent/carer in the playground if you arrive before 8:50am. Thank you

After School Club

Please could we remind parents not to send in snacks for children to eat during after school club. Toast is prepared for all children and they always have access to their water bottles.

FoSM Meeting

There is a FoSM meeting taking place on Friday 7th October at 3pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

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 20th October 2020 please. We have now also booked the coach for the trip and will be sending out details on when to pay, it will be £12.50 per child.

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

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

Harvest Festival

The school will be celebrating Harvest Festival w/c 17th 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, this can be brought in any time between Monday 17th October and Thursday 20th October (Friday 21st is Inset Training Day). The Foodbank are asking for specific donations at the moment if possible.

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

Teams4U Shoe Box Appeal

Each family should have received a leaflet this week to inform about the shoe box appeal that the school have signed up for again this year. Please do contribute if you can to this wonderful charity. If you would like to learn more about this charity, please take a look at the link below. Please hand your filled shoeboxes in by Friday 18th November. Many thanks.
<https://teams4u.com/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/T4U-Romania-Shoebox-2021.mp4>

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.

Forest Foodbank

Please find attached a poster from the Foodbank.

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>> 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>>.

Prostars Half Term Club

Please find attached flyer.

Ellwood Youth FC

I am the Club welfare officer at Ellwood Youth Fc we are a fully accredited football Club, affiliated to Gloucestershire FA. All coaches are fully qualified FA coaches, and give our time completely for free! **We are not a business we are a non profit voluntary football Club like pro stars.**

We are offering free training for a month!!! For all local children in the following age groups this is to help families who are struggling with the cost of living crisis, and because we want to help local families get their children into football and having lots of fun, learning exercising and making new friends.

Training starts Tuesday 4th October 2022

Freedom Leisure
Church Road
Lydney.

Training times **Every Tuesday**

Reception 4.30pm-5.30pm Indoor Sports hall

Year 1 4.30pm -5.30pm Indoor Sports hall

Year 3 5.30pm-6.30pm Indoor Sports hall

Year 1-2 6.30pm-7.30pm Indoor sports hall.

If interested to book your child's place please contact Jason **07707834782**

I will be very happy to help.

Thank you again and if you have any more questions please don't hesitate to contact myself.

John (Jason) Bevan

Ellwood Youth Chairman

FA Coach - Child Welfare officer ellwoodyfc.org.uk

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.