

Steam Mills Primary

17.09.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Drop and Go

If you intend to 'drop and go' in the mornings, please do this at the rear of the building in the car park, where Mrs Dickinson is. Please do not drop on the roadside of the building at the KS2 gate as this is causing congestion backing onto the road. Drop and Go runs from 8:50-9:00am.

One Way System

Please adhere to the one-way system in the mornings **and afternoons**. Exit the main car park via the track at the rear of the Bowling Club, this track takes you around to the right to the main road. Thank you.

Free School Meal scheme for October Half term

For the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents 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 COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week. Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website. For any queries please contact: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

School Lunches for new Reception Children

Earlier this week reception parents should have received a letter with Parentpay login details, this would have been in your child's bookbag. All of our lunch orders are made by parents via this booking system. If your child requires school lunches next week, please log in and order them for each day. There is a 48 hour cut-off, therefore, meals for Monday will need to be ordered by midday on Saturday.

Rights Respecting

Articles 12 and 13. The right to be listened to and the right to speak out.

In classes we all discussed this on Tuesday and it would be great for parents to share at home.

Diary Dates

September

22nd Life Ed Sessions
30th Flu Immunisations
(information to follow)

October

7th Tempest
Photography
(sibling and individual photos)
21st Last day of Term 1
22nd Inset Day

November

1st Start of Term 2
19th Children in Need

Flu Immunisation Letters

Please ensure you return the letter by the end of next week – **Friday 24th September**. We require all forms to be returned, even if you are opting out. If you need another letter, please contact Miss Agg in the office.

Our School App

We have purchased Our School App to add to our channels of communication as we know that some parents have experienced issues with eSchools at times. Please use your App store provider, search for Our School App and download, enter the post code – GL14 3JD and select Steam Mills Primary School. All future Newsletters and general information will be uploaded to the new App.

Musical Instrument Hire

Children receiving Gloucestershire Music lessons in school can hire an instrument and join an orchestra for £10 for this autumn term. This includes access to a foundation ensemble at one of Gloucestershire Music's music centres up to the Christmas holidays as well as having an instrument to take home and practise on.

The £10 offer represents a significant saving on the usual instrument hire fees and music centre fees and we hope that this makes music making affordable for pupils and inspires them to continue with their learning both alongside and after their school music sessions have been completed. Please see attached the flyer with information. More information is available on our website here: <https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/instrument-hire/wcet-10-instrumental-hire-scheme/>

Beezee Bodies

BeeZee Bodies is a the healthy lifestyles company for families of 5-15 years olds in Gloucestershire and the Forest of Dean to support families in making healthier lifelong changes.

We have our FREE face to face healthy lifestyle programmes starting on the 21st of September at St Johns School in Coleford. We are therefore recruiting families to join these programmes! Attached is a PDF which provides information about our upcoming rotation of programmes in September.

Life Ed sessions

These session will be taking place on Weds 22nd September for each class, as follows:

- Class 1-All About Me
- Class 2-Feelings
- Class 3-Meet the Brain
- Class 4 -Decisions



Children in Need Day

Takes place on Friday 19th November. Children can wear a non-uniform or a costume of choice. Please donate £1.

Rags to Riches

Reminder that Rags to Riches collection booked for Wednesday 22nd September. Please bring in any bags of clothes on the morning by 9:15am as we do not have the space to store them.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis

Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school
Maddison who did brilliantly object counting from 1 to 20.

Class 1
Alfie B - for being very brave and managing himself brilliantly after starting Breakfast Club this week.

Emmie - for working hard in her phonics and being able to do her cardigan buttons up by herself.

Class 2
Primrose – for improvement in writing.
Lily – brilliant instructions on how to look after an alien.

Class 3
Maeve - for being a good role model.
Max - for secure place value understanding

Class 4
Elliot C - for being a supportive and patient learning partner.
Mia-Rae - for always being ready to learn.