

# Steam Mills Primary

19.03.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Red Nose Day

What a lovely day celebrating Red Nose Day. The children well and truly embraced the themes, with lots of red, crazy hair and hats! We raised an amazing £128.57 (with a little bit more to come). Thank you so much!



## eSchools

Just a reminder to check eSchools on a regular basis for any important updates and information. As a school, we will always endeavor to give parents/carers as much notice as possible. Please contact Miss Agg if you feel that there are any gaps in communication or if you have any issues with your eSchools account.

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children for being awarded certificates in our Zoom Celebration Assembly:

Ethan and Kiya in Class 4  
Oscar R and Norah in Class 3  
Primrose and Pacey in Class 2  
Xander and Harry in Class 1 and  
Florence and Maddison in Pre-school

Certificates were awarded for fantastic attributes again this week, including being great role models to others, friendship, reading regularly, re-telling a story, telling the truth and being very focussed in class.

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We have recently purchased a new resource that has been rolled out to all classes. Please see attached information.

## Belongings

Could we make a polite request that personal belongings are not brought into school and are safely kept at home please. Apart from the risk of precious things being lost or broken, it also contravenes the measures we have put in place in order to remain as safe as possible during this fragile time of emerging from the pandemic.

If personal items are brought into school/class, they will have to be placed in quarantine and won't be returned until the end of term.

We are doing all we can to operate safely and currently quarantine all returned reading books before reissuing them to avoid cross contamination and take care to sanitise shared resources in class. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Diary Dates

### March

19<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day  
30<sup>th</sup> Reception screening  
- weight/height &  
vision

### April

1<sup>st</sup> End of Term 4  
19<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5

### May

3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday  
28<sup>th</sup> Inset Day & End of  
Term 5

### June

7<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 6

### July

21<sup>st</sup> Inset Day & End of  
Term 6

## Free School Meals – Easter Holidays

If you are in receipt of income based free school meals, you will have been sent an eSchool message regarding the FSM's scheme during the Easter holidays. Here is the link again:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/noticeboard/schoolsnet-bulletin-board/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2021/>

## Term Dates 2021/22

We have published the term dates, including INSET Training days, for the next academic year. If you missed the eSchool message, you can find the dates on the school website here:

[https://www.steammillsprimary.co.uk/website/term\\_dates/151289](https://www.steammillsprimary.co.uk/website/term_dates/151289)

## Easter Garden

Class 2 spent some extra time outside earlier this week making their very own Easter garden.

Thank you so much to Mrs Bent for purchasing lots of bulbs and plants for the children at the last minute! Apologies for the miss-communication for this activity.



## Reception Screening

The school nurse has booked a day with us on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March to come into school to carry out the Reception year screening. This was postponed from last year when you should have received details and an option to opt your child out if you so wish. If you are concerned that you have not seen the information sent and would like to opt your child out, please contact Miss Agg and she will arrange for the form to be sent to you again.

## Please remember

Please practice social distancing whilst at school, wear a face covering, remain very vigilant for symptoms and do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

## Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college (from DfE):

A new community-testing site to serve people **without** Covid-19 symptoms in the Forest of Dean has opened at Cinderford's Miners Welfare Hall. They offer Lateral Flow Tests to help identify the virus in the community. This link will take you to the Gloucestershire County Council web page to book a Lateral Flow test: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/covid-19-testing-in-gloucestershire/testing-for-those-without-covid-symptoms/>

## Easter Holiday track and test responsibilities

Schools have been asked to resume holiday track and test responsibilities for the start of the Easter Holiday. Please see message from GCC:

Staff and parents/carers of pupils need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting.

Staff and parents/carers of pupils who were asymptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school also need to let the school know.

If this applies to you or your family on Fri 2nd March or Saturday 3rd March, please email [head@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk)

Best Wishes  
Mrs Davis