

Steam Mills Primary

16.07.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Celebration Assembly

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

Annabelle and Evie in Class 3
Lex and the whole of Class 2!
Shay and Harry in Class 1 and
Adam and Florence in Pre-school

Certificates were awarded for fantastic attributes again this week, including:

Cracking multiplication method, great work with money, beautiful manners, a wonderful year of memories, excellent learning behaviour, being kind, making a fantastic village using 3D shapes and cheering on friends at pre-school sports day.

Goodbye & Thank you

We sadly say goodbye to two members of staff this year. Mrs Hale is taking her retirement after 25 years!! at Steam Mills, during that time Mrs Hale has been such an important part of our school family and fulfilled a number of varied roles, we wish her a happy and relaxing retirement. Mrs Saunders left Steam Mills in 2020 to take some time out to travel and on her return last year was re-recruited to fulfil a fixed-term position. Thank you for coming back and for your contribution to Steam Mills over the years. Very best wishes to you both.

Classes in September

Staffing for the classes in September has now been finalised and is as follows:

Pre-school	Mrs Stevens & Miss Howells
Class 1	Mrs Symonds, Mrs Evans, Mrs Tobin & Ms Mayer
Class 2	Miss Herniman, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Jobson & Ms Mayer
Class 3	Mrs Gibbs, Miss Carlson & Mrs Wedley
Class 4	Mrs Thomas, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Beard & Mrs Warren

Swimming

Class 3 will be starting swimming lessons on Tuesday 7th September for terms 1&2. All parents should have received a letter about the arrangements and are asked to kindly return the reply slip to indicate the children's swimming ability. Please contact Miss Agg if you require another copy of the letter and return slips by Tuesday 20th July. Thank you.

Information for September

Following the Government's announcements about Covid rules in schools, here is a summary of the main points for you:

From September:

- Bubbles will no longer be required for lesson time or lunchtimes
- Assemblies can resume

Diary Dates

July

21st Inset Day & End of Term 6

September

2nd Inset Day

3rd Start of Term 1

7th Class 3 start swimming sessions

- Schools will no longer be responsible for track and trace in the event of a positive case
- A whole class will no longer be required to close and isolate if in close contact with a positive case at school. All close contacts (identified by NHS Track and Trace) will be encouraged to take PCR test
- Face coverings are no longer advised in classes or communal areas
- An outbreak management plan will be in place alongside revised Covid risk assessment
- Children, staff or visitors who have symptoms must not attend; they must isolate and get a PCR test
- School will continue to provide remote learning for children who are isolating
- The following control measures will still be in place:
 - 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**
 - 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.**
 - 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.**
 - 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

More information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Implications for September

We can arrange shared playtimes, lunch plays and assemblies; face coverings will not be required inside or on the yard. There haven't been any announcements about inviting parents back onto site yet, so we will update you on that when we know. We are sure there will be a lot of information coming through to schools over the next week.

As we don't have to maintain separate bubbles, we don't have to have staggered timings for drop off/collection and will revert to a 9am registration start from Reception to Year 6.

The arrangements for 'drop off and go' are new and we are grateful to Councillors Mark Turner and Graham Morgan for their input and support for a new one-way system.

Parents of pre-school children, please park at the front of the school (roadside) and walk through the bottom yard gate to the pre-school gate, where you will be met. Pre-school sessions will revert to the pre-covid timings of between 9am and 3pm. There is a one-way system used for the front parking area (which flows from the left of the building to the right as you look at it from the road.)

Class 1 parents, please park at the front of the school (road side) and walk through the bottom yard gate to Class 1's gate, where you will be met. Please arrive between 8:50am and 9am. There is a one-way system used for the front parking area (which flows from the left of the building to the right as you look at it from the road.)

Parents of Y1-Y6 children are encouraged to 'drop off and go' using a new one-way system between 8:50 and 9am rather than park, whenever possible. This means **driving through to the school car park at the back of the school to the school reception gate**, where your child can get out under the supervision of staff.

All cars entering the car park, must then leave via the one-way exit, which takes you around the pre-school and bowling club, to exit onto the main road. The lane is not tarmacked but the surface is solid.

Please all drivers exercise caution and co-operation to ensure this system works. Cars must not park against the playground wall in the car park, for safety.

If your child prefers you to walk to the gate with them, then please do park up, but note that you will need to cross the path of the drop-off system. Signs will be put up to limit speed in this area and all are asked to be vigilant.

All cars entering the car park must adhere to the one-way system and exit along the lane in the direction of the bowling club.

The arrangements for pick-up are:

Pre-school: Please park at the front of the school (roadside) and collect from the preschool gate at 3pm; the bottom yard gate will be opened at approx. 2:50pm for you. Please leave promptly to free up car park spaces for others.

Reception: Please park at the front of the school (roadside) and collect from the reception class gate at 3:15pm.

Y1-6: Pick up from the KS2 yard as usual, at 3:15pm. Wherever possible, please park at the side of the school, in the back car park, parking along the front wall (reverse into space) or start another row at the rear of the carpark, double parking with staff cars for up to 10 minutes whilst you quickly collect. Please also share pick-ups with friends, so there are less cars trying to park. If entering the carpark at the back, continue along the one-way system as you leave.

Reports

Please check your eSchools account to view your child's report. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any issues with accessing the reports.

Rags to Riches

There is a Rags to Riches collection booked for Wednesday 22nd September. Please keep this in mind if you are having a sort out over the summer holidays. Attached is information about what donations Rags to Riches will accept. Many thanks.

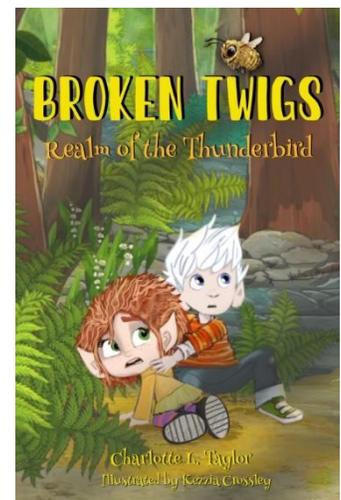
Released today, Friday 16th July 2021!

Here is the 2nd book in *Mrs Taylor's Broken Twigs* series, available now on Amazon.

Having escaped through the magical doorway in an old, gnarly tree, Twigs and Thistle enter the ravaged realm of the thunderbird. Trees have been burned, mountains scarred and not a single living creature can be seen in this desolate land.

But then the friends discover some hideaways, who are living in fear. A foolish choice has been made, and now the protected have become the hunted. The angered thunderbird wants revenge, and Twigs and Thistle must face the mythical beast in order to improve their chances of finding a doorway home.

In this, the second book of the enchanting series, Broken Twigs, the feisty fae and her elf friend must find their courage if they ever hope to see Faerie Forest again.



Electric Scooters – please find attached details from Gloucestershire Constabulary.

We hope you have a lovely summer break and we very much look forward to seeing you more in the Autumn Term at school events, as we gradually return to normal.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis