



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year. Children are back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

DfE Track and Trace information for the end of term

For the first 6 days after term ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school or LA needs to be informed. This is to assist school in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of leaving school on Friday 18th Dec or tests positive up to Monday 20th Dec, please email head@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk for track and trace, so that others can be contacted.

Contact details for parents/carers from 21st -24th

December: E: COVIDschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk T: 01452 426015

Returning in January

Please continue to practice social distancing whilst at school, wear a face covering, remain very vigilant for symptoms and do not send your child to school in January 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.

Christingle

Thank you to Mrs Taylor who organised for children to make Christingles and take part in a little service of friendship and thankfulness. Mrs Taylor hopes for this to become an annual event so that all of the children will enjoy this Christmas activity during their time at Steam Mills.



Diary Dates

December

18th End of Term 2

January

4th Inset Training Day

5th Start of Term 3

12th Indian Dance Workshops
Classes 3 and 4

22nd PC Darren Peters visiting -
Children's e-safety
workshops

Christmas Week – Class Highlights

We have asked the children from each class what they have enjoyed most about Christmas at Steam Mills this year.

Pre-school – The Nativity, rainbow calendars, reindeer handprint pictures and singing.

Class 1 – Hot chocolate with story around the Christmas tree, party games, Christmas songs and making donkeys!

Class 2 – Making trees, playing games, treats, Christmas films, Christingle and hot chocolate with story around the Christmas tree.

Class 3 – Wreath making, tree decorations (letters), lantern making, carol singing, film with popcorn & cupcakes, making reindeer food, making calendars and Christmas tree pinecones.

Class 4 – Banner making, plus other Christmas crafts and Christmas party games.



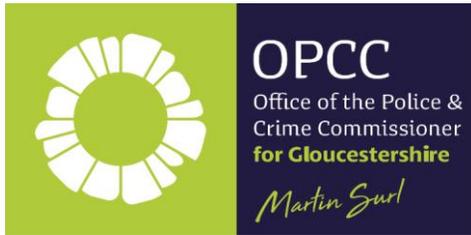
Recruitment

Following our recent Teaching Assistant vacancies, we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Saunders who will primarily be in working in Class 4 in January.

Parking Buddies

Please find attached a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire regarding our parking buddies scheme.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis



7 December 2020

Dear Head teacher,

Your school is one of thirteen across Gloucestershire to trail Parking Buddies during 2020. These child-sized metal cut-out signs, provided by my office (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire) hoped to address parking and speeding problems outside of busy schools.

We now need your support to find out what staff and parents think about the scheme: both its successes and things to improve. Attached is a link to an online survey that takes around five minutes to complete.

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160216995675>

We would be most grateful if you could forward this survey to parents through your usual channels including newsletters and on social media, to ensure we have a broad cross-section of responses. Staff at your school are also very welcome to complete the survey.

The data from this survey will be analysed by a specialist team within Gloucestershire Constabulary, adhering to all GDPR and data protection laws. Your responses will help to shape the Parking Buddies scheme moving forward, with our hope to roll it out to all schools in Gloucestershire, if found to have been a success.

Parking Buddies are just one of the initiatives my office has helped to introduce to support my policing priority, Safe and Social Roads. The ethos of this priority is to give us all the chance to move around our communities in safety. I want to make it easy and convenient for everyone to travel safely in Gloucestershire, whether we are cycling, walking, driving or even on horseback!

For any queries, please contact our Road Safety Co-Ordinator, Joanne Arnold at joanne.arnold@gloucestershire.police.uk.

Yours sincerely

Martin Surl
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire