

Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Evenings

Thank you to all those of you booked parent evenings. Just to remind you to log on to eSchools and book this if you have not already done so. Parent Evenings will be taking place remotely this year via Zoom on Tuesday 9th November and Tuesday 16th November. You will be sent Zoom details at a later date. Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties with logging in and booking.

Data Sheets

Data Collection Sheets have now been sent home for you to review. Please could you check through and make any updates, paying particular attention to address details, contact phone numbers and medical information. Please return these to school by **Friday 15th October 2021**.

Children in Need Day

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

Guide Dogs 90!

Guide dogs are turning 90 in October and we would like to participate in some fundraising to support this cause. This would be linked to article 23- children with disabilities have the right to participate fully in society. Information poster is attached to this newsletter.

Rights Respecting

Through the month of October, we are celebrating Black History Month. This week, each class has explored what this means and each class has investigated a significant figure. It would be great to discuss with your child who they have been learning about in class. This week, we have discussed Article 2- The right to non-discrimination and Article 13- The right to speak out.

Shoe Box Appeal

We are delighted to be taking part in the 'Shoe Box Appeal' this year. It is a fantastic way to support children in countries that may not receive gifts this year. Leaflets for information on how to send a shoe box and suitable age groups are being sent home today.

This links to Rights Respecting in many ways, including:

- **Article 22- Refugee children-** Children are helped if they are in a situation that requires them to seek refuge.
- **Article 24- Health-** Children have the right to the best possible health care. It may be a great idea to put in your box some toothpaste and a toothbrush to enable children to maintain oral hygiene and bath products to enable them to keep themselves clean.

Diary Dates

October

21st Last day of Term
**Non-School
Uniform Day**
22nd Inset Day

November

1st Start of Term 2
19th Children in Need

- **Article 28- Education-** Children have the right to an education. You could put in a notebook and some pens for children to develop their writing skills.
- **Article 31- Relax and play-** Children have the right to relax and play. It may be a good idea to put in some paints, colouring pencils and small toys to enable children to have access to artistic activities and play.

You are welcome to create a box per family or join with friends to create a box jointly, if you would prefer.

Head Lice

There has been a reported case of Head Lice in Class 3. Please could all parents check their child's hair and treat accordingly. Many thanks

Rags to Riches

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme again, to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. The school (FoSM) gets 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items. Our next collection will be **26 January 2022** so please keep us in mind if you are planning to have a sort out.

FoSM – Non-school Uniform Days

Friends of Steam Mills have proposed, with the agreement of Mrs Davis, to schedule a non-school uniform day on the last day of every term to raise some much-needed funds for the school. Children can pay a £1 contribution to dress in non-school uniform. The first date will be **Thursday 21st October 2021**.

Photos

If you are not ordering on-line, please could all orders for Tempest Photos returned to the school office by **Thursday 21st October**. Thank you

Morrisons

We have signed up for the "It's Good to Grow" scheme at Morrisons and would be grateful for any vouchers that you may be able to collect to enable to school to purchase gardening equipment.

"At Morrisons we want to support you to get the next generation growing, because the more kids know about how food's grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future".

Car Park and Track

We are looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to come in to school at some point during the October half term. The school has already purchased supplies of gravel to help maintain the surface areas of the car park and new track around the bowling club. Please could you let Miss Agg know if you are able to help fill in potholes one morning or afternoon. We have a wheelbarrow but your own shovel would be useful! Thank you

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis



Head Teacher Certificates



Pre-school
Briar-Rose - for her brilliant concentration and enjoyment during Dough Disco

Class 1
Carla - for being a rainbow in someone else's cloud.
Chester - for learning lots of new words this week and being able to explain their meaning.

Class 2
Arlo – being super engaged in his learning.
Frankie – super partitioning in Maths.

Class 3
Beatrice - Trying her best in all areas.
Olly - A well written story.

Class 4
Willow – for a great mnemonic poster about the planets.
Eva – for writing a lovely, emotive diary