

## Steam Mills Primary

06.01.2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. The children have settled well back into their school routines this week and have enjoyed starting to learn about their new class topics as follows:

*Class 4 – Rivers*

*Class 3 – Extreme Earth*

*Class 2 – Home and Away*

*Class 1 – Once Upon a Time*

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to those who donated to our Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We raised £34.90.

### Hand Sanitiser

The school is re-introducing the use of hand sanitiser again during the day for children and staff. This is as a result of the recent increase in illness and especially the issues connected to Strep A and our numbers of children with conjunctivitis. If you do not wish for your child to use the hand sanitiser, please inform the Class Teacher or Miss Agg.

### Year 5 Bikeability Training

All Year 5 pupils should have brought home a Bikeability letter this week. The training is taking place between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It is disappointing that this opportunity has clashed with our Young Voices trip. We are currently in discussion with the Bikeability staff to see if there is any possibility of those children who are attending Young Voices, possibly completing the course before they depart for Young Voices at 11am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. We will let parents know as soon as we have a definite answer on this.

### Young Voices

Parent tickets and children's t-shirts will be ready to collect from the school office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please collect preferably at the end of the school day as Miss Agg is covering drop and go at present. Many thanks

**If you have yet to pay for your child's transport, please ensure that you go onto ParentPay to pay for your child's contribution to the cost of the coach, £12.50.** Please contact Miss Agg if you have any questions.

### FoSM Parent Coach – Young Voices

Please could you contact Louise Bent if you are interested in taking up this offer, the cost would be £8.50 each. Email: [mikerbent@btinternet.com](mailto:mikerbent@btinternet.com)

### School Calendar 22/23

#### Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th Feb

#### Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

#### Term 5

17th April to 26th May

#### Term 6

5th June to 25th July

#### **Inset Days:**

24th and 25th July

### Diary Dates

#### **January 2023**

10<sup>th</sup> C2 Start Swimming for Terms 3&4

18<sup>th</sup> Reception & Y6 Screening  
Vision & Measuring height & weight

23<sup>rd</sup> Bikeability Training for Year 5 children

25<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Concert,  
Birmingham.

Rags to Riches Collection

30<sup>th</sup> National Storytelling Week

#### **February**

14<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Trip to National  
Waterways Museum –  
Gloucester

16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Dental Survey

20<sup>th</sup> Half term Break

27<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 4

#### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day – Bedtime  
Stories (**Pajama Day**)

## Contact List

What to do if you have a query or would like support:

Query about a school club or event date/time.	Check the newsletter, which is distributed via emails on eSchools; the app and is on the school's website
Query about ParentPay, Breakfast and After School Club or to notify school about changes to picking up arrangements, absences and medication	Contact Miss Agg at the school office
Query about FOSM events	Please contact FOSM (eg FOSM facebook page)
Quick query about homework or class work	Check with your class teacher at pick up time
Query about homework, class work or request for meeting about a class based query	Contact the school office for an appointment with your child's class teacher
Pastoral support for your child and/or family	Talk to your child's class teacher first and if appropriate a meeting can be arranged with our family support worker, Mrs Warren
Special Educational Needs (SEN) support	Talk to your child's class teacher first and if appropriate a meeting can be arranged with our SENDCo, Miss Barber
If your query is ongoing	Contact the school office for an appointment with our Deputy Head, Mrs Thomas
If your query is ongoing	Contact the school office for an appointment with our Executive Deputy Head, Mrs Fawkes
If your query is ongoing	Contact the school office for an appointment with our Executive Head, Mrs Davis

## Rags to Riches

Our next collection for Rags to Riches is taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please could you drop bags on the morning of the collection (anytime between 7:45am and 9:15am) and leave in the playground opposite the main entrance gate.

Here is a link showing which items can be donated:

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

## Beezee Bodies

Please find attached flyer for Beezee Bodies. The 11 week programmes start in just under two weeks' time – week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January at three venues across Gloucester and the Forest of Dean.

## Furniture

We still have a couple of chairs and some tables which are excess to requirements. Please contact Miss Agg if you are interested in giving them a home.

*As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.*