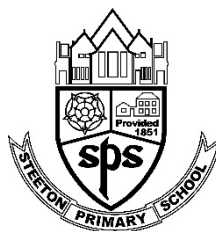


Year 5/6

Autumn Term 2017 Newsletter

Mrs S. Wheeler, Key Stage 2 Coordinator



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to have the children back with us for the start of the new academic year and hope it will prove to be another happy and successful one for all our pupils and staff. We welcome Miss Jade Wilson to the 5/6 team and hope she has a really happy and successful year.

Learning at Steeton Primary School

Creative Curriculum

We have had a fascinating week looking at "Our Shared Heritage" Thank you for supporting your child in this topic and for researching and compiling family trees and sending in photographs and artefacts.

Our topic for this half-term is "Full Steam Ahead" and is all about the History of rail travel. The topic got off to a flying start with our visit to Haworth by steam train on the Keighley and Worth Valley railway. We all had an interesting and memorable day and the children were a credit to you and the school.

Literacy

Reading continues to be a high priority focus this year and we will again be launching FRED (Families Reading Every Day). This proved really popular last year and we hope you will all take part this year. Further details of the launch to follow. We aim, as always, to make sure that every child becomes a reader for life and that they will develop a real love of reading for pleasure. We cannot achieve that aim without your help. All pupils must take their reading book home **every night** and return it to school **every morning**. Books must be signed by a parent, when your

Upcoming Events:

Ford Castle

Monday 2nd October

Ford Castle residential –final payment of £15 due.

Tuesday 3rd October

Ford Castle-meeting for parents 3:45 in Mrs Wheeler's classroom.

Wednesday 11th October to Friday 13th October

Ford Castle residential

Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th September

Scholastic Book Fair in school

School closes for half term on **Friday 20th October** and reopens on **Monday 30th October**

Tuesday 31st October and Thursday 2nd November

Parents' Evenings

Monday 13th November

5/6 W Class Assembly

Monday 18th December

KS2 Carol Service

St Stephen's Church 2pm

Tuesday 19th December

Y5/6 Christmas parties

School closes for end of term on **Wednesday 20th December** and reopens for Spring term on **Monday 8th January**

child has finished reading, in order for them to be changed. **Please hear your child read.** Thank you.

Another main focus this year is on handwriting and presentation. The school has invested in the "Letterjoin" handwriting scheme to encourage the children to develop a neat, consistent, cursive handwriting style and to take pride in the presentation of their written work. We know that practice at home will help to improve the speed and quality of pupils' handwriting and there will be an opportunity for free access to the scheme for the children to practise at home on their PCs and tablets. Further details to follow.

Times Tables

Please make sure your child regularly practices times tables. It is so important for them to have quick recall of these number facts in order to help them in all areas of mathematics

PE Kit

We hope you are getting used to the new arrangements for PE. All classes have issued timetables to make it clear which days your child should come to school in PE kit.

Key Stage 2 Homework arrangements

<i>Class</i>	<i>Arrangements</i>
<i>All 5/6 classes</i>	Spellings given out Monday to be learned for a test the following Monday Reading to be done every night at home Maths given out Friday to be returned for the following Monday

Finally if you have any concerns at all and would like to speak to me or one of the team please don't hesitate to contact me.

