



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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September 2019 Newsletter

Welcome

A warm welcome back to all our parents and children after what I hope was an enjoyable Summer Break. A special welcome to all our new parents and children who are joining us for the first time this year.

Parents Information Session

Tuesday 17th September

9:00 - 9:45am

Or

3:45- 4:30pm

In the School Hall

We would like to invite all parents to an Information session all about:
Parental Involvement, Positive Behaviour System, Pupil Premium, Parent Pay, Attendance, Uniform and Uniform Exchange, New School Initiatives, Curriculum and Extra-curricular activities.

Uniform

It was lovely to see all the children coming back to school looking very smart and proud of their uniforms.

School looked very smart, bright and energetic throughout classrooms, the playground and in Assembly.

Also please pay particular attention to the section of our uniform policy concerning jewellery, head wear and hair accessories:

- Nail varnish and jewellery are not appropriate for school and are not permitted.
- If a child has pierced ears **only** plain studs or very small /quick release safety earrings are acceptable.

- Earrings must be removed or taped for safety in P.E. and may not be worn at the swimming pool. **Parents must provide suitable tape.**
- **ALL** head wear and **ALL** hair accessories must be in school colours or dark colours.
- Watches are allowed but must be small and not cause any form of distraction, e.g., detachable parts, sounds or large covers/accessory parts.

PE Lessons

KS1 and KS2

On your child's PE Day children are expected to come to school in the morning in their **PE Kit**.

This is:

- Plain White T-Shirt
- Navy Blue or Black Shorts
- Black or Dark Blue Jogging Bottoms
- School Jumper or Cardigan

Footwear

Plain Black Trainers to be worn.

Any questions about PE Day please speak to your child's class teacher.

A PE timetable will be sent home every half –term so you know what date/days your child will have PE.

***If children are taking part in sports clubs at lunchtime or after school e.g. Running Club on a different day to their PE Day they need to come in their Full School Uniform with Sports Kit in a bag to change into.**

Uniform Exchange

We would like to start a Uniform Exchange Scheme using donations from parents and unclaimed/unnamed Lost Property. Further details to follow and at the Parents Information Sessions

Attendance

Last year our whole school attendance was **96%** - just under the National Average of **96.1%**. so we need to improve it and maintain it throughout the new school year!

Please try to ensure your child attends school each day.

Research shows:

- Children who have 95% attendance or above do better at school and better in later life
- Children who have 95% attendance or above are more confident, happier and find school more enjoyable
- Children who have 95% attendance or above find transition to Secondary School easier

Positive Behaviour System

Thank you for the support given to our Behaviour System introduced last year, Children have been informed of the slight changes/improvements to the Positive Behaviour System in school this week.

This is based on four main School Rules:

Be prepared

Listen

Do as asked

Work positively together

And that as a school community

We Will:

- **Be respectful**
- **Wear our uniform with pride**
- **Be a good friend**
- **Do the right thing**
- **Make good choices**

These rules, alongside the system of rewards and sanctions have been reinforced to the children this week.

Inclusion and Welfare Officer

Mrs Kennedy is available everyday if you need any advice or support on areas such as attendance, behaviour, benefits, Pupil Premium Support, Agency Support, Parental Support. Please do not hesitate to contact her either by catching her in the playground, phoning or calling at the office.



People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We have a number of children to who this applies.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Some cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Food with Satay Sauces.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

I know if this was your child, you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Forest School Classroom

The Forest school has been a great success over the last year allowing children the time and space to develop skills, interest and understanding through a range of activities, which provide practical, hands-on experiences in a natural environment.

Each class will timetable a Forest School Day at least once a term in this school year and further details of the day will be sent to you nearer your child's class session.

Class name changes

Just a reminder that all our classes are now named after trees to complement the successful introduction of our Forest School last school year. The children have quickly got used to them – but if you are anything like me and need a reminder, here they are in full:

SEEDLINGS Mrs Varley

SAPLINGS Ms Bingham

MAPLE Mrs Foulds 3 days/Ms Akram 2 days (Mr Wheeler 1 afternoon per week)

WILLOW Mr Daft

FIR Mrs Birtwistle 4 days/ Ms Akram 1 day

ROWAN Ms Lafbery

ELDER Ms Buckley

HOLLY Mrs Wheeler

ASH Ms Redman 5 mornings and 1 Afternoon/Ms Akram 2 afternoons

SILVER BIRCH Ms Wilson 4 days/Ms Akram 1 day.

Car Parking

Just a reminder that the car park by the main school gate is for staff only. We are very aware of the limited car parking in the immediate vicinity of the school as they are residential streets. Please consider our neighbours when parking and driving in Market Street and School Street. Also we had a few near misses with regards collisions with cars and children and parents last year. So we thank you in advance of adhering to Road Safety regulations.

SCHOOLPING

From September 2019 all documentation, newsletters etc. will be sent electronically via school ping. This is to reduce both the environmental aspect of amount of paper used and for financial reasons. If for whatever circumstances you still require a paper copy please contact the school office. They will also be available on the school website. On occasions, we may have to send paper copies especially if we need written consent for an activity.

Website

Please continue to use the school website. We will continue to strive to update it as regularly as possible. **If you go to the parents section and scroll down to letters, you will be able to see all the letters that have gone home. The letters are also under the relevant Key Stage headings.**

Follow us on Twitter!



Our School Twitter account is updated regularly and we want more followers. Keep up to date with breaking news of the exciting events happening in school by following us on **@SteetonPrimary**.

Tweets can also be viewed on the school website:
www.steeton.bradford.sch.uk

Sports News

We are pleased to announce that we have retained the School Games Gold Award for 2018/19. Thank you for all your contributions to supporting school sport over the last year. We look forward to your continued support this year.

Sports Clubs/Extra Curricular Clubs

Information will be sent out shortly regarding what provision is available.

Calendar of Events

A full calendar of events with all dates we know so far, including class Assembly dates will be sent out next week. This will have updates through the year.

Transition

Thank you to all our parents and children with the smooth way you moved to your new classes on Tuesday. We put a great importance on parent voice at Steeton Primary and of good communication with parents. I have spoken to a number of parents regarding last terms transition arrangements who have suggested ways they feel it could be improved in order for them to be able to support their children during the process. These suggestions will be taken into account when we review our transition process for next summer and hope we can improve the experience for all concerned.

Looking forward to a great hard working and fun year at Steeton Primary with you and your children.

See you around school!

Mr K. Wheeler

