



## STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a strange week in school without our Yr 5/6 children and staff but as my message below says they have all been working very hard. The rest of the children have just got on with things as usual and have had a very full week. Please use the contact numbers further on in this newsletter if you need to inform us of any Covid related issues over the weekend.

### Absence and Attendance

Attendance for the year so far is 96.6%, which is excellent. Please keep this up. If you do phone and leave a message about child absence please could you give the reason as well.

### Yr 5/6 Bubble Closure

Unfortunately, this week and next we have had to close the Yr5/6 'bubble' after consultation with the DFE and Public Health. I would like to say a big thank you to your children and you as parents for your support and cooperation in participating in the live zoom learning sessions. The attendance has been very pleasing and I hope next week will be at least as good. These methods are also a new experience for the teachers who are having to adapt quickly to the virtual teaching and are learning new techniques daily as they reflect on their teaching. They would like to thank you for understanding any technological hitches there may have been.

### Maintaining Changes to the School Day from January 2021

Thank you for the comments we have received through schoolpings regarding the decision of the Governing Body to extend the current changes to the School Day to February half-term. We will be collating and considering the responses next week with feedback and any actions taken relayed to you as soon as we can.

Below is a reminder, from the letter sent out, of the reason behind the decision to continue as we are next term.

*When we made changes to the school day in order to reopen fully in September, we promised you that this would be until Christmas in the first instance and that we would then review it. Given that we are still in the midst of a Global Pandemic, a new*

*National Lockdown and the news from Mat Hancock on Monday that this may be extended beyond 2nd December or implementation of stricter Tier measures, we have had to make the review as a matter of urgency.*

*It is clear to us that we will still be unable to operate as we did Pre Covid and still provide the same levels of safety and curriculum opportunities. **It is the decision of the Governing Body to continue with the school day and times as they are now, until February half term.** As before, we will be constantly reviewing how we operate as a school in line with Government recommendations and the ongoing coronavirus situation.*

## **Steeeton Superstars This Week**

**Well done to all these children.**

**Saplings:** Etienne Day Esmac Bellfield

**Seedlings:** Florence Drake Mohammed Deen Hussain.

**Maple:** Nathaniel McLaren Annabel Coope

**Willow:** Mina Latif Jamie Warren

**Fir:** Amelia Basharat Ismael Hussain

**Rowan:** Samiyullah Ayub Mia Quattrochi

**Elder:** Eliza Rafiq Safiya Javaid

**Ash:** All the children Their Parents

**Silver Birch:** All the children Their Parents

**Holly:** All the children Their Parents

## **Phonics Zoom Session**

We had a great attendance for this Zoom information meeting. A big thankyou to all those parents who could participate, although I do appreciate not everyone can.

### **100 things to do Indoors and 100 things to do before you are 6**

I have attached two documents to this ping with ideas of things you may wish to do with your children. The first one is very useful for Lockdown days.

## **Forest School**

Your child's class teacher will be in touch letting you know when it is their turn after half term if they have not already done so.

## **New Entrants September 2021**

Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be having our usual Open Day in November. We have now produced a Virtual Tour, which is on the website. If you know anyone who is looking for a place for Reception in September 2021, please pass on this information and ask them to contact school if they need more details.

## **Social Distancing Drop off / Pick up.**

We have been asked to remind parents by Bradford Council, to please adhere to Social Distancing when dropping off/collecting children. Please have patience and queue up in order for us to get all children and parents in and out as quickly and safely as possible.

## **Covid 19 – Arrangements for Weekends**

Please could parents please contact Mrs Kennedy or myself by text or email, on a weekend

- has had a positive Covid Test
- your child is isolating due to contact with someone who has tested positive
- Your child is isolating waiting for the results of their own or a family member's test.

This is case we have to notify other families if I have to close a bubble and in order to know who may not be back in school after the holiday.

This will help us all keep each other safe.

Mr K Wheeler

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## 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 phoning or email or a quick chat through the gate (at a safe distance!) at drop off/pick up time.

## School Ping and website

Please contact school if you are having trouble accessing Schoolping especially if you are a new parent. We send all our letters and messages out to you using ping as well as updates on children's work and achievements. 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.**

## 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](http://www.steeton.bradford.sch.uk)

Have a safe weekend everyone.

Regards

Mr K. Wheeler

