



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have only one week left and we have completed the first full term of this school year. It has been a strange week as we are normally preparing for Christmas productions and seems very quiet around school. We will however try to make next week as festive as we can for all the children.

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.

Friday Afternoon Enrichment from January 21 and After School Sport

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. I have collated the information and I am in the process of allocating bubbles and activities.

The bubbles will be Phase bubbles, e.g. Yr5/6, Yr3/4 and I am just working on a way to limit contact between different classes in that bubble as much as I can.

The activities will be on a Carousel basis with each phase taking part in one activity, e.g. Forest School for a half term and then swapping after the half term holiday.

I will let you know next week, which Year groups/children have been allocated to each activity and which staff will be running them.

Obviously, this will be reviewed half-termly taking into account the Covid situation, our Covid risk assessment and any changes to the current (Covid) structure of the school week.

I will also contact next week, all those in KS2 who have signed up for after school sport and fitness, as to which day their class bubble has been allocated.

Afternoon School Bus Service.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. The Mini Bus that is currently transporting some children home will no longer be operating from January. Instead, the Yellow Mybus that brings children to school in the morning will again be operating an afternoon service Monday to Friday.

I will send a Ping out to the families of all children who have requested/use this service, next week, with all the information you need.

I would like to thank, Amjid Ahmed, of Keighley Mini Bus Services for providing a professional and welcoming service since September that has helped a number of our parents.

Christmas Celebrations

Whilst we would normally be preparing Christmas Concerts and Nativities at this time of year, obviously these will not be happening as they have recent years.

Each class is preparing 2 songs, which they will perform and record in our specially decorated area of the Forest School to create an atmospheric background.

We will send you the recording of your child's class and put a whole school compilation on the website.

The recordings will take place over Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December. In order to add a bit of festive cheer, we are allowing children to wear festive clothes these two days, Christmas hats, jumpers, tinsel etc., if they wish.

On Friday 18th, each class will have a Christmas Party. School will provide refreshments this year. On the Friday morning, children can wear party clothes or festive clothes if they wish.

If you would like to make a donation of £1 during this time, we will ensure this money is sent to a local foodbank. (We usually have a collection at the Church Carol Concert and the Nativity in School)

Children will also be learning about the Christmas Story in class at this time, as we do for all major religious festivals, from different faiths.

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.

Steeeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all these children.

Saplings: Chris Joshy Hammad Zain

Seedlings: Isabel Birch Joseph Scarr

Maple: Hollie Sagar Albie Wynn

Willow: Aizah Hassan Zoya Tahir

Fir: Penny Brannan Esa Amin

Rowan: Sami Ayub Aliza Javed

Elder: Subhaan Syed Maira Naz

Ash: Abbigayle Marley Usaim Chowdry

Silver Birch: William McLaren Mehak Javed

Holly: Harrison McHale Ammara Akram

Covid 19 – Arrangements for Weekends

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

- 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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Covid 19- Arrangements for the Holiday from Friday 18th December - Sunday 3rd January 2021

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, that is between 12:15pm on Friday the 18th December and 12:15pm on Sunday the 20th December, you must contact school by **email or text** to inform us. **Please use the above contacts and not the school office email.**

Please can you include an image of the positive test confirmation. This is because we have to work with Public Health England who will use the information to advise the school who we will have to contact regarding self-isolation.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, that is after 12:15pm on Sunday 20th December the school should be contacted by **email or text** so we can advise which day after the holiday your child can return. **Please use the above contacts and not the school office email.**

This will not result in anybody in your child's bubble having to self-isolate. Also, in this case you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Emails and Texts will be checked daily although we will not contact you unless we have to.

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.

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

Have a safe weekend everyone.

Regards

Mr K. Wheeler

