



# STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Head of School; Mr K. Wheeler**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

## Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a lovely week in school and the beautiful weather has certainly added to that. The dry weather is forecast to continue next week, although not as sunny so coats may be needed.

## Reading For Pleasure

This week, the Reading for Pleasure research week has been a great success. There has been a real buzz around school with children fully embracing the project with excitement, enjoyment and a sense of purpose. Staff have also been analysing their own reading history, habits and knowledge and sharing these with the children.

Can I please ask that if you have not already responded to the Reading Survey, which was sent to you via Ping, could you make sure it is completed. Can I just remind you that do not feel that we are looking for a particular answer to the questions; this is absolutely not the case. We have all – as staff - answered a similar questionnaire and found that we have many different attitudes to reading in school – and not all are positive! The point of the survey is to establish a baseline from which we can build on and develop opportunities for our children.

After this week, we will use the findings from the research to fully integrate a plan to continue and develop a culture of Reading for Pleasure in our school community.

I would like to particularly thank Miss Bingham and Miss Redman for all the hard work they have put in to organise what has been a really enjoyable week for all.

## Magic Monday

These begin again next Monday so do not forget to wear old clothes.

## Attendance

Attendance since the 8<sup>th</sup> March is 96.47%, which is above National Average and a slight rise on last week.

## Park

I have a few conversations with parents about issues in the Park after school. As the school has no jurisdiction in the park after school I can not deal with any of these issues directly. Children are by then under the supervision of parents and carers. However, if any of these issues are brought into school by children the following day resulting in incidents in school I will then deal with them as per our Behaviour Policy.

# Steeeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all these children.

**Saplings:** Etienne Day Mila Aneesh

**Seedlings:** Aisha Akram Oliver Crawford

**Maple:** The Whole Class

**Plum:** Chris Joshy Ayesha Amin

**Willow:** Meera Hebbar Christina Joshua

**Fir:** Poppy Harper Joseph Preston

**Rowan:** Niamh Goodman Taylor Borraine

**Elder:** Sunaira Hussain Eliza Rafiq

**Ash:** Malika Hussain Esther Cansdale

**Silver Birch:** Joseph Kennedy Scarlett Cocker

**Holly:** Zia Adeel Abdullah Gulfam

## Parent Survey

I will be sending a Parent Survey out via Ping on Monday. This is to take feedback on the impact that Covid has had on school, you, and your children.

Please take time to fill this in, as it will be used in future planning,

## Talking about the Underwear Rule with Children

In the past during Safeguarding weeks, we have had visitors from the NSPCC who deliver assemblies and workshops in School. These involve sessions about staying safe. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions this has not been possible over the last year.

One of their sessions that has been delivered in school before is around 'The Underwear Rule'. This is a simple way for Teachers and parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. I am going to play the 'PANTS' SONG to the whole school in a Zoom assembly on Monday Morning. If you would like to view the video, please follow the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or look at the wide range of information and advice, which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/). Here you will find a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards.

## Sports

We intended to restart after school Sports and Fitness clubs next week and I promised to send out details this week. Unfortunately, due to the unavoidable unavailability of a staff member for the next 3 weeks I will have to postpone the start. I am hoping they will now commence the week beginning Monday 3rd May. Further details and arrangements will follow. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Car Parking and Safeguarding

Just a reminder that the car park by the main school gate is for staff only. This is coned off in the afternoon. Please do not stand within this coned off area or allow children to play /enter the carpark. We have had one incident this week that could have resulted in an injury to a child and adults.

We are very aware of the limited car parking in the immediate vicinity of the school as they are residential streets. I know that 99% of our parents do consider our neighbours when parking and driving in Market Street and School Street and also the safety of the whole school community. I thank you for future cooperation in this matter.

## 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.

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I hope everyone has a safe and restful weekend and some sunshine.

Mr K. Wheeler

