



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers

A lovely week in school. Forest school has reopened for some children and will soon be timetabled for each class again. Music is flowing around each key stage as our music curriculum provision has restarted. It is a pleasure to see the wonderful work children are producing on Magic Mondays as displays are appearing around school. We will add these to the Twitter feed when ready and also as explained later in the newsletter, you will get a chance to see them for yourselves before the end of half term.

Attendance

Our attendance from the 1st September has increased slightly to 95.4%. Our target is 96%+.

Let us keep striving for full attendance every day and keep increasing this percentage.

After School Clubs

These will begin next week. If you have booked places for your child on Parent Pay, thank you. Most clubs still have some places left so it is not too late to book on them. If you want to book please do it by Monday morning so we can produce registers for staff.

Book Fair

We will have the Scholastic book fair in school w/c 27th September. Information on available books and how to purchase them will be sent out soon.

Volunteers – We need Parent Volunteers to help run the Book Fair between 3:00pm and 4:00pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It really is just helping to set up the book stands, to collect payment for books, and a quick tidy and close the stands. If you could spare any time on any day please contact the school office.

Pirate Day - Reminder

Pirate Day is on Friday 24th September, to officially launch our new ship. There will even be a naming ceremony!

Children and staff will be allowed to dress up as Pirates on the day and the day will be filled with Pirate Themed activities.

We wanted to give you some notice so you can start getting costumes ready.

Please do not send 'weapons' in with the children as they will be making them as part of one of the activities.

Please see this link on how to make cheap pirate costumes at home (there are many more on the internet) <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Pirate-Costume>

Upcoming Events

We are adding diary events to the school website and individual class events will be pinged out to you by your child's class teacher. A full calendar of events will be published next week. (Apologies as it has taken longer than expected as we adjust to being 'back to normal')

1. School Photographer

Thursday 23rd September Individual and Family Photos. School will be open from 8:00am for photos with siblings not in school. Photos of siblings in school will automatically be taken during the school day.

2. Friday 24th September Pirate Day

3. Monday 27th September Music and Arts Service Concert
4. Wednesday 29th September – Friday 1st October Scholastic Book Fair
5. Friday 8th October visit by Robbie Moore MP

Parents Meetings

We have provisionally booked in the second week back after half term, w/c Monday 8th November for Parents Consultations.

The Thursday before half term, Thursday 21st October we will be having an Open Classroom event between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. This will give parents the opportunity to come into their child's/children's class to look at the learning and talk to staff about routines etc.

More details to follow next week.

Steeeton Superstars This Week

Saplings: Maddie Church Clark Cann

Seedlings: Christo Joshy Phoebe Gray

Maple: Fraser Simpson Aannah Mariam

Plum: Hareem Hussain Oscar Nicholson

Willow: Logan Cann Anna Graham

Elder: Jocelyn Coope Joseph Preston

Fir: Zoyah Murtaza Yaya Raj

Rowan: Eesa Haleem Toby Longden

Ash: Malaika Kamal Areez Miah

Holly: Tayib Imann Muhammad Hasham Deen

Silver Birch: Tamar Adebusoye Ernest Chen

End of School Day

A polite request. If you need to speak to a member of staff at the end of the day, please could you wait until all the class have been handed over. This is just to help us make sure no one 'sneaks away' unseen. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this.

West Yorkshire Police Partnership with School

Every school has been allocated a PCSO. Our PCSO is:

PCSO166 Kristina Riley.

Kristina has already made some visits to school and will be attending regularly at the start or end of the school day, outside the gates or in the Park. If you have any concerns, need information or just want to say 'Hi', please talk to Kristina. I know you will find her very approachable.

She will also be attending many school events to get to know the children and yourselves. The first will be Pirate Day.

Flu Vaccine-Reminder

If you haven't done so already, please could you return Flu Vaccine forms ASAP.

Lost Property

We have a growing amount of lost property in school including coats. All these items are un named so it makes it difficult to return to the rightful owner. Please can you ensure all your children's items are labelled with their name. Thank you.

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 at drop off/pick up time.

Car Parking in locality

Please continue to park and drive carefully and legally around school and the surrounding roads for the safety of the whole school community and local residents. 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.

I thank you for future cooperation in this matter.

Free School Meals

If you claim Income Support, Universal Credit or have are on a low income, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Benefits include:

- Free school meals for your child regardless of what year they are in
- Subsidised or free school trips
- Vouchers towards the costs of school uniform
- Free school milk
- Free music lessons within school
- A grant for school for activities and resources

Applying is easy and all online. You do not need to send in any documentation. All you need is your address, National Insurance number and dates of birth for people living in your house hold. You will receive an instant response.

You can apply through **Mrs Kennedy**, who can complete the application with you either over the phone or in person.

OR

You can apply yourself using an online form. Go to:

www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals

If you think you might be eligible, please speak to Mrs Kennedy, who can help you apply and give you further information.

SCHOOLPING 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



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.

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.

I hope everyone has a good, safe weekend.

Mr K. Wheeler

