



# STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 10

### Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week in school with children enjoying all the different activities taking place during Maths Week. A big thank you to Mrs Birtwistle for organising this. We had a Remembrance Assembly, yesterday and the children observed the 2-minute silence impeccably. Yr 3/4 had a wonderful visit to Stump Cross Caverns and the staff there also complemented the children on their behaviour and good manners.

### Attendance

Our attendance from the 1<sup>st</sup> September is 94.1%.

Again, this is mainly due to illness and a few bugs going around. Thankfully not Covid. Our target is 96%+.

Let us keep striving for full attendance every day and get this percentage over 96%..

### Parents Meetings

Thank you for all parents who took part in the Parent Consultation sessions this week and those who made alternative appointments with the class teachers.

### New Starters September 2022 Open Morning

This will take place on Wednesday 17th November 2021 9:30am – 11:30am. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be starting school next September, please encourage them to come along and see what a fantastic offer we have here at Steeton. Also any existing parents who have another child starting in September, please come along to share with prospective parents why you chose this school.

Process for applying for Primary School places opens on 15<sup>th</sup> November and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January. The online application can be found on Bradford Council Schools Admission page at the link below.

[Apply for a place at one of Bradford District's schools | Bradford Council](#)

## **Chester Zoo Fund Raising**

The Go Fund Me page set up by Edi's mum, Samantha Cockshott, now stands at £1245.

School ParentPay donations currently stands at £495.

Amjid Ahmed and the charity Green Crescent UK presented us with a cheque for £300 after the Fun Day. Thanks to all who turned up and donated.

Samuel (Yr 5) and Esmee (Yr1) Belfield Park Run in November (along with mum and dad) has now raised £250. Please check it out by using the following link.

<https://gofund.me/df04b0bb> . A big thank you also to the Goats Head Pub, Steeton for promoting this event.

Mrs Kennedy's Husband's Company, Source, who are donating £500.

Friends of the School have had a £500 donation given to them to go towards the fund from Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council.

Adding to this the contribution from local estate agent, Leightons

<https://leightonsestateagency.co.uk/>

of £174 we are nearly there.

**The grand total at the moment stands at £3464.**

With more donations promised, I'm hoping the target will be reached by next week.

## **Book Sale**

Thank you to all children who took the opportunity to buy books last week. We raised £131 which will go towards purchasing new books that will complement the Reading for Pleasure work we are doing in school.

## **Poppies**

I will let you know as soon as we are informed how much we raised from selling poppies. Thank you to all who contributed.

# Steeeton Superstars This Week

**Saplings:** Nuh Raj Shifa Arif

**Seedlings:** Ayaan Nawaz Blake Conroy

**Maple:** Isabel Birch Zahran Mallick

**Plum:** Mila Aneesh Oliver Crawford

**Willow:** Ayesha Amin Oscar Gott

**Elder:** Charlie Pollard Ehsan Jameel

**Fir:** Kian Bulcock Zoya Hussain

**Rowan:** Alice Tillotson Eva Dowling

**Ash:** Poppy Chapman Zeyn Sajid

**Holly:** Sufian Mustafa Rahyaan Murfaza

**Silver Birch:** Kiese Da Cruz Maguengo

Gabriella Cooper

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Dog Trust**

Unfortunately, this visit has now been postponed. I will let you know the new visit date once they have confirmed..

### **Police Visit**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, our PCSO Kristina Riley, will be coming to talk to our Year 6 children about the dangers of knife crime. If any parents require further information on this do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Children in Need**

Children in Need Day is a week on Friday, 19th November. The theme this year is Fancy Dress Friday. Therefore, children can come to school in Fancy Dress (It does not have to be Pudsey Bear related but can be), or the usual spotty, stripy, red, yellow or multi-coloured clothing. Please do not feel you have to go to any great expense. Fancy dress is optional and whilst we will ask for a donation of £1 to wear it, as this is a very worthy cause, this is also optional as we are aware that we have been doing a lot of fundraising lately.

### **In Term Holiday Requests**

As stated on the Bradford Schools Online website "Parents should not take their children out of school without first seeking the schools permission. Families do not have a right to take their children out of school for the purposes of family holidays or trips abroad. Parents should always speak to the school prior to any absence to discuss any information that they feel should be taken into consideration by the Headteacher in deciding whether to authorise the absence."

The DfE guidance instructs Headteachers NOT to authorise leave of absence in term time. Permission for this type of absence should only be granted in the most exceptional circumstance.

If you are requesting to take your child out of school during term time, please contact Mrs Simpson at the school Office or email the school office and you will be sent a Request Form that needs returning to school.

## **Café parking**

I know some parents do park in the local café carpark when dropping children off in the morning. I have spoken to Debbie the owner, this week. She said whilst she does not mind this as long as there is space she has asked me to point out a few things. Please use the top of the car park to park when dropping off children. Please only use the left-hand side (going up) to park and not double park on the right. She has had customers who drive lorries and vans being unable to access the car park due to double parking and blocking of routes. Also, please do not block the path way at the back of the building as this is needed for vehicle access.

Debbie is aware of the limited parking in Steeton and wants to help but will have to reconsider use if inconsiderate parking continues.

## **End of School Day**

It is becoming smoother and quicker with the majority of parents waiting patiently for children to be handed over.

With the wet weather and onset of darker evenings it is more important that we all play a part in ensuring children are handed over safely.

## **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. They will be available inside the main gate each Monday morning to give you a chance to claim your items back.

## **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](http://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 **@SteeonPrimary**.

Tweets can also be viewed on the school website:  
**[www.steeon.bradford.sch.uk](http://www.steeon.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**