



# **STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **Newsletter 11**

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Fancy Dress Friday has really had school buzzing today. A great array of costumes across school keeping everyone amused. Thank you for all the donations made. We raised £193.65 for this worthy cause.

## **Chester Zoo Fund Raising**

**We're all going to the Zoo in February, We're all going to the Zoo in February!**

**A massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fund raising. The coaches are booked as we have surpassed our total. I will let you know the exact figure when all the monies are in next week and ideas for how to use any surplus.**

**I will also send out a press release next week thanking everyone and also to highlight that as our school ethos says we really have an 'Inspirational Community ' here at Steeton.**

## **Attendance**

Our attendance from the 1<sup>st</sup> September is 94. %.  
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**

### ***New Starters September 2022 Open Morning***

A very successful and enjoyable open morning took place on Wednesday. However, that does not mean that people have missed their chance to look around.

If you know of anyone who has a child who will be starting school next September, please encourage them to contact school so we can arrange for them to come along and see what a fantastic offer we have here at Steeton. Process for applying for Primary School places opened 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](#)

## **Christmas Events**

Each class will be performing a Festive Singsong in our Festive Forest School in the last week of this term. Parents are invited to join us and refreshments will be provided. The schedule will be:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December Yr1/2 am EYFS pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Yr3/4 am Yr5/6 pm

Exact timings and further Christmas week events to follow.

## Steeeton Superstars This Week

Saplings: Oliver Sloan Evelyn Paul  
Seedlings: Zakriya Habib Christo Joshy

Maple: Dylan Brannan Alayna Rafiq  
Plum: Amelia Javed Hamim Imann  
Willow: Kara Crampton Kyle Dixon

Elder: Minahil Ali Poppy Harper  
Fir: Hibah Iqbal Umm E Hani Khan  
Rowan: Zain Mallick Ali Akbar Suleman

Ash: Tobi Wallace Lydia Tretton  
Holly: Harrison McHale Adam Sarwar  
Silver Birch: Amira Adeel Zayan Hussain

## Letter from Robbie Moore MP about a Christmas Competition

I am very excited to be launching this year's Christmas card competition!

The competition is open to all primary school children across our Keighley and Ilkley constituency, with the winning design being mass printed to form my 2021 Christmas card. The Christmas card will be sent out to local residents, businesses, charities and local leaders, as well as parliamentary colleagues in Westminster, including the Prime Minister.

I am on the lookout for a really great, colourful design which illustrates the very best of the Christmas spirit. I would urge all participants to use their brightest felt tip pens or their most colourful paints but would request glitter is refrained from being used due to it being difficult to copy for print.

The best entry will be picked from each primary school before each winning design will be put to the public for a vote to pick an overall winning design. The finalists from each primary school will receive recognition, with the overall winner receiving an extra special prize.

Entries can be posted to me individually by parents, or all together from the school, to the address below. Please make sure that each child's name, school, and age of the child are on the back of each entry. All entries need to take up a full page of A4 paper and be formatted in portrait.

Robbie Moore MP, Shan House, 80-86 North Street, Keighley, BD21 3AG.

The deadline for all entries to be received by me is close of play on **Friday 26 November 2021** before the winning designs from each Primary School will be put to a public vote via my website and social media for 5 days from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

It would be brilliant if your school would like to get involved, and I would be really grateful if you could encourage your students to take part.

Many thanks in advance, and I look forward to receiving some great entries.

**If you want to take part you can send your entries into school and I'll make sure they are delivered.**

## 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

**@SteetonPrimary.**

Tweets can also be viewed on the school website:

**[www.steeton.bradford.sch.uk](http://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**