



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearly into December and have just 3 weeks to go to the end of this first full term. Things are increasingly feeling more 'normal' in school as the weeks pass and let us hope this continues as we go through the winter.

Chester Zoo Fund Raising

As I said last week, we have surpassed our total which is currently standing at £4325!. We are still waiting for some more money to come in so hopefully next week I will be able to give you the final amount and also send off a press release.

A big well done to Samuel and Esmee Belfield, who completed their sponsored park run last weekend.

Attendance

Our attendance from the 1st 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%..

New Starters September 2022

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 closes on 15th 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](#)

Even if you already have a child at Steeton you must still apply online to the Council for any brothers or sisters you want to start in September

Steeton Village Christmas Lights Switch On

If you looking for a fun activity to do this weekend then go along to Steeton Village Green this Sunday 28th. Stalls and refreshments will be available from 3.30pm-5pm. The lights are turned on at 4.30pm.

Alice Tillotson is switching the lights on this year with a little help from Father Christmas.

Coffee Morning

Any parents who would like to meet up for a coffee (other soft drinks are available!) after dropping their children off in the morning are welcome to the School Library Monday and Friday between 8:30am and 10:00am. Please come along for a friendly get together.

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 13th December Yr1/2 am EYFS pm

Tuesday 14th December Yr3/4 am Yr5/6 pm

Wednesday 15th December School Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December Class Christmas Parties

Children will also be visiting Steeton Methodist Church and St Stephens Church during the week.

Further details from Class teachers nearer the time.

Please return, if not done so already, your Christmas Dinner forms even if you do not wish your child to have one. Thank you

Road works in the Area

We have been informed that there are intended roadworks between the 6th and 17th December on Skipton Road just after the lights outside school. Please ensure you leave home in good time for children to arrive before 8:45am

Steeeton Superstars This Week

Saplings: Zia Rafiq Sonny Barnes
Seedlings: George Hawker Ahmad Husayn

Maple: Inayah Mahmood Emilie Pollard
Plum: Alfie Hollings Quinine Chen
Willow: Maleeha Miraj Annabel Coope

Elder: Millie Bradley Joseph Walmsley
Fir: Saif Ullah Hooriya Hussain
Rowan: Preston Bishop Frankie Conroy

Ash: Yusuf Chowdry Scarlett Cocker
Holly: Taylor Borraine Maya Karim
Silver Birch: Lillyrose Davis Amira Hussain

Lunchtime Supervisor Required to Start January

Please contact the office for further details

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 of 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

Next Tuesday, 30th November

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

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