



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 14

Dear Parents and Carers

We are about to enter the last week of this Autumn Term. We know the children will enjoy all the activities planned for next week and hope as many of you as possible can join us on Monday and Tuesday

Christmas Events

Each class will be performing a Festive Songsong in our Festive Forest School in the last week of this term. Parents are invited to join us. The forecast is showers and we are hoping to have a gazebo for the children but there will be no/limited cover for parents so please dress accordingly. The schedule will be:

Monday 13th December Yr1/2 am EYFS pm

Plum 9:15-9:45 Maple 10:00-10:30 Willow 10:45-11:15

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

Fir 9:15-9:45 Elder 9:45-10:15 Rowan 10:15 - 10:45

Holly 1:15-1:45 Silver Birch 1:45-2:15 Ash 2:15-2:45

Children are encouraged to dress up in Festive clothes, Christmas Jumpers and or hats/headwear, tinsel etc for their performance. These can also be worn on Wednesday for Christmas dinner.

Photographs/Video

As we have a number of parents across school who have requested their child is not photographed/videoed for a variety of reasons, please do not take photos or videos of the performance. You will be able to take a photo of your own child in the setting once the performance has finished. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter.

Wednesday 15th December School Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December Class Christmas Parties – we will be asking children to bring in food to be shared at the parties. Your child's class teacher will ping you to remind you nearer the time.

Friday is Party Clothes/Festive outfit day.

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

After School Clubs

The After- School clubs have now finished for this term. They have been a popular success with over 40% of children taking part in at least one club a week.

New bookings will be open on Parentpay next week for the next half term. These will begin the second week back w/c 10th January.

Whilst it is our intention to make sure the clubs do operate every week, unfortunately, I have had to cancel a few sometimes at short notice. This has been due to staffing availability, I appreciate this may cause difficulties in some cases but we will always try to accommodate your child in a different club if possible. Whilst school has remained open, we have been affected by the pandemic which has caused some staff absence. Please could I remind **some** parents to recognise when speaking to Mrs Simpson, that she only sends the messages out and I am the one who makes the decision.

Notification of New School Meal Prices from January 2022

Our School Dinner contactor FM Catering will be increasing school dinners by 5p per meal to £1.95 from January, for Years 3 - 6

Their statement is 'This 5p rise is the first increase in our school meals prices since January 2019. School meal prices in the Bradford district remain amongst the lowest in the country, and are still excellent value for money for a nutritionally balanced 2 course lunch.'

Christmas Cards

There is a postbox in school for any child who wishes to send christmas cards.

Please ensure your child (or you) write clearly the name of the child it is for and their class/year group.)

Steeeton Superstars This Week

Saplings: William Jones Alayna Javed
Seedlings: Alexa Wilson Yahya Mahmood

Maple: Fraser Simpson Annmaria Davis
Plum: Oliver Crawford Zahran Mallik
Willow: Isabelle Elliot Chris Joshy

Elder Farhan Hussain Mya Rodgers
Fir: Ismael Hussain Maulik NediyaChali
Rowan: Spencer Wainwright Meera Hebbar

Ash: Lydia Tretton Joseph Kennedy
Holly: Tayvien Fox Muhammad Hasham Deen
Silver Birch: Kimberley Naylor Zaki Khan

Mask wearing in school

Following strong advice from the DFE and LA we are asking all adults, staff and visitors to please wear a mask in all inside shared areas. Thank you to all who have visited events this week and already done so. The aim is to keep as many people as safe as possible.

Road works in the Area

We have been informed that there are further roadworks between the 13th 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

Coffee Morning

Due to a few unseen problems there will be no more coffee mornings this term. We will start again in January on a Monday and Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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.

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