



# STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 15

### Dear Parents and Carers

**Well! We have come to the end of what has been a very exciting Autumn term for everybody. Whilst we have had very few Positive Covid results for both staff and children and been able to function as normally as possible, we are still very aware that we are not out of the woods yet. I just hope the doom and gloom being spread on the news about the new year does not impact on us here at school. The children have worked so hard all term and the Magic Monday skills they have been learning are really beginning to shine through now with the quality of the art work produced.**

**School closes at 3:00pm today for a two-week holiday. We reopen at 8:45am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for another exciting, fun filled, hardworking half term.**

**A Happy Christmas to all those celebrating this holiday and I hope everyone in our school has a safe and enjoyable break. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2022.**

## Christmas Events

### Christmas Singing

The children looked and sounded lovely when performing their songs in our Winter Wonderland Forest School. Thank you to all who were able to turn up and watch. Hopefully, next year we can put on the refreshments we intended for this year.

### Church Visit

**All the children had a very enjoyable visit to St Stephens Church, where the Reverend David and his wife Rosemary delivered an animated telling of the Christmas Story. All the children behaved impeccably and I enjoyed the pleasure of accompanying EYFS. There will be a Christingle Service at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve, for any one who would like to take their children.**

### Parties

Thank you for all the food sent in for the parties. The children have had great fun today.

## Steeeton Superstars This Week

Saplings: Alfred Ingram    Abdur Rehman Ali

Seedlings: Zack Bishop    Jack Ryan

Maple: Esmac Belfield    Zara Yasin

Plum: Mohammed Deen Hussain    Ibrahim Hussain

Willow: Riyad Haleem    Emily Johnson

Elder    Safiya Javaid    Saifullah Siddique

Fir: Yaya Raj    Luke Addy

Rowan: Haniya Kamran    Hanifa Begum

Ash: Aishah Mahmood    William McLaren

Holly: Faith Harper    Mohammad Rayan Jahangir

Silver Birch: Sarim Zain    Tamar Adebusoe

## **After School Clubs**

Booking for after half term is now live on Parent pay.

### **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.'

## **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. The aim is to keep as many people as safe as possible.

## **Coffee Morning**

If restrictions allow, these will start again in January on a Monday and Friday.

## **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](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 holiday!**

**Mr K. Wheeler**