



# **STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **Newsletter 17**

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

**We have had a really lovely, hardworking first full week back. It has been a pleasure to walk around school to see all the exciting and high-quality learning that is going on. It has also been lovely to be in the playground at lunchtimes and playtimes. There is a lovely atmosphere with all the equipment being used, children making up their own games and the different age groups interacting and keeping active.**

### **After School Clubs**

Clubs started again this week. We still have places in most clubs so I have made booking still available up to next Tuesday. Please have a look to see if there are any activities your child would be interested in.

### **Parent Consultation: Before and After School Provision: Reminder**

A letter was pinged last Friday regarding consultation about Before and After School Provision at Steeton Primary School.

The consultation is open until next Friday 21st January 2022.

If you wish to take part in this consultation, please fill in the attached form on the Ping.

# Steeeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all these children.

Saplings: Siyaam Basharat      Alfred Ingram  
Seedlings: Amos Millward      Ayaan Nawaz

Maple: Annmaria Davis      Nathan Adebuseye  
Plum: Hamim Imaan      Oscar Nicholson  
Willow: Edi Gray      Riyad Haleem

Elder: Saifullah Siddique      Annie Ryan  
Fir: Saif Ullah      Riya Rose Riju  
Rowan: Hanifa Begum      Lewis Robson

Ash: Chris Drake      Aishah Mahmood  
Holly: Harrison McHale      Maya Karim  
Silver Birch: Ismail Habib      Maira Naz

## Food Banks and Support

If you need some support with food and other household basics, we are able to make discreet, confidential referrals to local food banks. It takes 5 minutes and can be done over the phone. If you think this would be helpful, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Kennedy on:

School: 01535 653315 select option 2

Mobile: 07593581520

### Dogs Trust

[www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/workshops/](http://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/workshops/)



Next week The Dogs Trust will be visiting School to work with all our children. These visitors and activities further enrich the curriculum we offer to our children. The benefits of The Dog Trust visit to children are:

- Using dogs as a focus, our workshops and assemblies aim to develop compassionate attitudes and behaviours towards all living beings.
- We deliver our workshops with a great deal of passion in creative and imaginative ways to ensure a memorable and positive learning experience.
- With nearly 9 million dogs in the UK, children will develop an important and necessary understanding about safe and considerate behaviour around the dogs they know and live with, and those they may see out and about in the community.

## Energy Heroes

[energy-heroes.org.uk](http://energy-heroes.org.uk)

We had a visit this week from Energy Heroes who are working with some of our Yr 5/6 children to help them learn how communities (including the school) use energy, how they could lower household bills and help the environment. The children will be researching and feeding back to the whole school community later this half term.

## 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**

Unfortunately, we will have to postpone these beginning at the moment. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## **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 the darker evenings, it is more important that we all play a part in ensuring children are handed over safely.

## **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**