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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely week in school with an exciting Science week in each class at either end of our visit to Chester Zoo. Children have been really hard working this half term and I hope you and them can enjoy a well-deserved half term break.

Chester Zoo Trip

Well! Finally, it arrived and what a wonderful day for the whole school. Despite the threat of the weather ruining the day it was dry and warm at the Zoo and the journey's there and back were long but enjoyable. Your children were a credit to you all. Their behaviour on the coaches and at the Zoo was exemplary. They walked for miles with no complaints. I was lucky to accompany the Reception classes and once we had had lunch (as soon as we got there!) they walked around the Zoo for 3 hours. For those who have not been, to give you an idea of the size of the place we only bumped into another group of our children in the last few minutes before returning to the coaches.

In order to celebrate this great event, Miss Lafbery's class will be giving a whole school assembly on Wednesday 2nd March. We will be inviting the main fundraisers to say thank you to them and also writing letters to those who can't attend. We will then send photos and the 'story' to the press.

I would like to say two thank yous. First to Miss Lafbery for entering the competition and organising the whole day and secondly to everyone who contributed in any way to allow this to go ahead.

Football

A number of our Yr 6 children represented the School in the Bradford Finals, yesterday. They did not win but represented the school with pride and won the majority of their games. A big well done to:

Abdus-Samee Aziz, Hasan Hussain, Harvey McNulty, Areez Miah, Archie O'Neill, Jacob O'Sullivan, Violet Taylor and Reuben Tillotson.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we have some special and exciting events to celebrate World Book Day. The theme this year is, 'You as a Reader'. As we are a reading school at Steeton, this supplements our work and is a celebration opportunity. The children may dress up if they wish as a book character but this is not compulsory. If your child does not wish to dress as a book character please ensure they come in school uniform as we are not having a non-uniform day.

We have author and illustrator Bethan Woollvin coming to school for the day to work with the whole school.

We also have a storyteller, Sue Dyde, coming in to work with KS2.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting

On Thursday 3rd March, a team from Acorn Stairlifts along with special guest, Harry Gration, former host of BBC Look North, will be joining our Elder Class in Forest School. They will be planting a number of Saplings (trees not our Reception Class!) to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be having a whole school celebration of the Jubilee the week before the Spring Bank Holiday. Details of the week to follow later next term.

After School Clubs

We have plenty of places left for the 6 weeks of next half term. Please make sure you book your place by Monday 28th February.

Steeton Superstars This Week

Due to their exemplary behaviour and appreciation of the visit to Chester Zoo it can only be:

The Whole School

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 school’s 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.

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.



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 week!

Mr K. Wheeler