STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

At least we managed to complete a full week this week! Thanks again for your understanding regarding the unexpected closure last Friday. School has been busy this week with lots of hard work being completed. Next week we are having a Science week to tie in with our visit to Chester Zoo. The children are getting more excited as the day approaches and there is a definite buzz around school

Chester Zoo Trip

Thank you to all who have filled in the consent form I sent out on Ping and any sandwich orders. Reminders have been sent to those who have not given consent so if you receive a reminder please complete the form.

Children will be wearing school uniform and please ensure they have a suitable coat for the weather that day. As they will be doing a lot of walking they are allowed to wear trainers/walking boots. Please ensure that the footwear they wear on the day is suitable for a lot of walking.

A reminder that children need to be at school by 8:00am next Wednesday. The coaches will be leaving by 8:30am and we will not be able to wait for latecomers.

Cross Country

A number of our KS2 children took part in the latest round of Cross Country, yesterday at Cliffe Castle. A massive well done to Joseph Preston and Jacob O'Sullivan who came first in their year groups. A big mention to Conan Delle Rose, Scarlett Cocker, Violet Taylor,

Charlie Pollard, Joselyn Coope , Christina Joshy, Lillyrose Davis and Hawwa Kamran for running really hard and representing our school with pride.

Parliament Virtual Tour

Yr 5/6 were fortunate to have a guided virtual tour of Westminster this week. They were joined online by Robbie Moore MP. A really good insight to the workings of Parliament.

Parents Consultation Meetings - Reminder Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st March.

These will take place between 3:15 and 6:00pm. You will be offered the option of a face to face meeting or a virtual zoom call meeting.

On reflection we can not offer phone calls due to the small number of phone lines available in school and the poor connections in school for mobile phones. We will make the booking form available after ½ Term when you can choose which option you would like.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all who have signed their children up to clubs this last half term. These have seen 120 children per week taking part in at least one club. Bookings for the 6 weeks of next half term will go live next week on Parentpay.

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.

Steeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all these children.

Saplings:	Nuh Raj	Oliver	Sloan
Seedlings:	Alexander E		Phoebe Gray

Maple:	Imogen Gladwell	levon Berrisford
Plum:	Rosie Lee	lbrahim lqbal
Willow:	Johnan Shaan	Khadijah Noor

Elder	Musa Shohatb	Hawwa Kamran
Fir:	Areeba Latif	Lenny Stevens
Rowan:	Preston Bishop	Rishaan Sachdev

Ash:	Malaika Kamal	Reuben Tillotson
Kolly:	Rafay Ali	Niamh Goodman
Silver Birch:	Anaya Khan	Tamar Adebusoye

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: <u>www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals</u>

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 lifethreatening 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