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Newsletter 29

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been Sats week in school, the first for 2 years, for Year 2 and 6. (Year 2 still have a few more next week). I would like to thank the children in all the other Year groups for the respect they have shown the children doing the tests, by moving quietly around school whilst they have taken place. School has operated as usual around Sats with lots of fun learning taking place. We are looking forward to the next two weeks of this term, culminating in the Jubilee Celebrations.

Yr 6

A huge well done to all our Yr 6 children for the way they have conducted themselves this week. They have arrived at school fresh faced and eager to start, most after a hearty school breakfast. They have taken the tests in their stride and supported each other throughout the week. A big thank you to all Yr 6 parents and Yr5/6 staff for the way you have got the children ready for this week.

To the children - It goes without saying we are proud of every single one of you. You have done your best as usual and have been this week, as during your time at this school, a credit to your families and yourselves.

Yr 2

Yr 2 still have a couple more tests next week but another big thank you to parents and staff of our Yr2 for preparing them for the test weeks.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Events will take place during the last week of term to celebrate this momentous occasion. Further details in next weeks newsletter.

Mrs Simpson

The bad news for school is that our much loved and respected Receptionist, Mrs Simpson will be retiring in the near future, the good news, it is not until October half term. We will be saying good bye to her properly in the Autumn term but I am letting you know now as you may see the advertisement for her replacement. We need to recruit someone for September so they can spend time working along side her to become familiar with the role from September.

School Yellow Bus

Unfortunately, from September, there will be no longer an after-school bus service. We have tried hard to persuade Metro to change the time of the afternoon service to coincide with the 3:00pm finish but they do not have the capacity as it has to be linked to a Secondary School Service and can not arrive any earlier. This has seen children waiting in school for up to an hour after school for the bus to arrive (even longer if it breaks down or there is a traffic problem) instead of going home at the same time as everyone else. This also means we need two members of staff to supervise these children each night which not only occurs an expense we can not afford but also prevents these staff from carrying out other essential duties. The morning Bus service will continue, but will also be reviewed if the timings result in children being consistently late.

Lunch Time Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Lunch Time Supervisor to start after half term. The advert will be on the School Website from today.

Ice Lollies

Our first sale was a great success and will continue at the end of school today. This is planned to take place every Friday and hopefully will encourage warm weather. All monies collected will be shared amongst the classes to provide resources for the children.

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If you would like to train to teach at Steeton Primary School, please contact Mrs Birtwistle at school for further details.

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 email Mrs Kennedy at sharmyn.kennedy@steeton.bradford.sch.uk, at least 2 weeks prior to your date of departure.

She will send you all the relevant information.

Absence and Lateness.

Thank you for your support in helping to improve the numbers of absence and lateness this term. I have added to this ping a poster from UK Health and the NHS the amount of time children need to stay off school if they have illnesses such as chicken pox, measles, scarlet fever etc.

School Meals

Please note, in addition to the new menu that was pinged out yesterday paninis, wraps, sandwiches and jacket potatoes will still be available every day. This was not mentioned in the information we were sent from FM Catering, yesterday. Sorry if this caused any confusion.

Lost Property

With the weather getting warmer, we now have an array of lost property. This will be put outside near the main gate every Monday morning. If your child has lost an item, please come and check. Usually, if your child's name is in or on their item, it will be returned to them

Steeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all the following:

Seedlings: Amos Millward Turaab Syed
Saplings: Zia Rafiq Nuh Raj
Plum: Robert Beatty Downey Quinine Chen
Maple: Inayah Mahmood Emilie Pollard
Willow: Aishah Amin Abu-Huraira Arif

Elder: Leila Karim Poppy Harper
Fir: Ubaid Ullah Siddique Riya Rose Rijju
Rowan: Amina Yasin Haniya Kamran

Ash: All of Ash Class
Holly: Aminah Zafar Muhammad Hasham Deen
Silver Birch: Violet Taylor Dean Watson

Traffic

The Council Wardens have asked me to pass on to parents that they will continue to make random visits at the beginning and end of the school day. They said they will continue to ticket drivers who stop on the zig zags to pick up or drop off passengers and any other parking offences they see.

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 weekend

Mr K. Wheeler