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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been the usual busy week in school. With just one week to go until the Spring Bank holiday, Staff have been busy planning and preparing all the exciting learning and activities for the final half term of the school year. This includes lots of visits and visitors in the up coming weeks. The playground at play time and lunch time has been a hive of activity, especially with the lovely weather we have had. It has lots of physical activities going on for the children and it is a pleasure to walk around it to see smiling, happy children and hear the laughter and fun they are having.

Yr 2

Yr 2 have now finished their Sats and a big well done to all of them for the calm way they just took them in their stride these last two weeks.

Yr1 Phonics

The children in Year 1 will be assessed for their Phonics level after the holidays. Whilst we have to send results into the Local Authority the children will not notice anything different. It will just appear to be another part of their usual phonics programme as they read the words to a member of our KS1 team.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop- Volunteer Appeal!

We will be starting a Second-Hand Uniform Shop in September. We are looking for Parent Volunteers to run this for us in school. It will be for two afternoons every half term from September, although we will also need some setting up and preparation sessions next half term. This is so we can offer good quality, donated second hand uniform to all parents for a minimal donation.

We would be quite happy to have teams of parents on a rota system.

If you could help in anyway, please contact Mrs Kennedy for further details.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Next week, the children will be learning about and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Whilst some activities will be taking place during the week in class, the main celebration will be on Friday. There will be a whole school celebratory assembly on Friday morning organised by our Yr 6. Children will learn more about The Queen and the importance of the Jubilee. They will be having a Jubilee Disco in their phases at various times during the day, in the decorated main hall. They will receive an invite to their class today, delivered by two 'representatives of the Queen'. Hopefully, you will see this on Twitter later today.

Next Friday the children will also be making special 'Jubilee buns' in class and making their own commemorative cup. There will also be class based activities learning more about Queen Elizabeth, her role and why we are celebrating during the day in each class.

The School Dinner Hall will be decorated for the Jubilee and we have been promised from the Government, a Platinum Jubilee Celebration Book, for every child in school, which should hopefully arrive next week. This is for the children to take home as a keepsake. (I'm old enough to remember receiving a commemorative coin to mark the Silver Jubilee in 1977!)

We will put as many photos on Twitter and Ping as we can so you can see how the children celebrated. On the day, the children can come in party clothes and/or red white and blue or Royal themed outfits.

School Yellow Bus - Reminder

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 is on the School Website.

Earrings and PE.

Please can you ensure that only Stud earrings are worn in school. These need to be taken out or covered up if your child is doing PE that day. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

Sporting Success

Our Yr3/4 and Yr5/6 Cricket Teams had successful tournaments at Sutton Cricket Club against local schools over the last two weeks. They both won two out of the three games with only narrow defeats in the lost one.

A big well done to:

Yr3/4 Joseph Preston, Charlie Pollard, Oscar O'Neill, Umar Shariff, Zoya Tahir, Poppy Harper, Jamie Simpson and Harrison Mills.

Yr5/6 Tobi Wallace, Rueben Tillotson, Abdus-Samee Aziz, Muhammad-Hasham Deen Hasan Hussain, Joseph Kennedy, Ismail Suleman, Sufyaan Hussain

Ice Lollies

Ice lollies will continue to be sold at the end of school on a Friday. All monies collected will be shared amongst the classes to provide resources for the children.

Train to Teach at Steeton Primary.



The poster features the Steeton Primary School crest on the left, which includes a shield with a cross and the letters 'sps' below it. The main text is in white on a teal background. It asks 'Thinking about a career in teaching?' and 'Train to teach here!'. It provides contact information: 'For more information contact: 01535 653315' and 'office@steeton.bradford.sch.uk'. A small note at the bottom right says 'In partnership with Ilkley All Saints'. A photo of children in a classroom is also visible.

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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.

Steeeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all the following:

Seedlings: Phoebe Walshaw Ahmad Husayn

Saplings: Violet Wynn Sarah Jibin

Plum: Earl Beatty Downey Trishikha Karthik

Maple: Imogen Gladwell Azaan Hussain

Willow: Riyad Haleem Shifaa Sajid

Elder: Zaynah Abbas Moss Chapman

Fir: Umar Shariff Umm-E-Hani Khan

Rowan: Frankie Conroy Eva Dowling

Ash: Lydia Tretton Mohammed Zakariya Dad

Holly: Harrison McHale Taylor Borraine

Silver Birch: Sunaira Hussain Inayah Khan

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

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