



Friday News

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Well done to this week's
Steeton Superstars

Saplings Hana Rafiq		Seedlings Ishara Jibin	
<i>Maple</i> Ronnie Robson	<i>Oak</i> Zahran Mallick	<i>Willow</i> Joshua Mitcham	
<i>Elder</i> Jamie Warren	<i>Fir</i> Abel Varghese	<i>Rowan</i> Edi Gray	
<i>Ash</i> Amira Adeel	<i>Holly</i> Zain Asif	<i>Silver Birch</i> Charlie Pollard	

This week was interrupted by the industrial action on Wednesday. Thank you to all parents and carers who made changes to their routine. As I said last week, it is not a decision taken lightly to strike or indeed to close school to all pupils. Around 85% of schools nationally were affected on Wednesday. Unions have asked the education secretary, Gillian Keegan, to engage in further talks. They want constructive discussions that deal directly with the long-standing concerns they experience in their schools and colleges every day. More strike action is planned towards the end of the month and again in March. I will keep you informed of the choices we make at school should these go ahead.

In assembly on Monday, I talked about our forest principles and specifically 'opportunity'. I told a story to highlight how we should look positively upon situations and grab any opportunity we can, however small, to improve ourselves, to show kindness or to help others. I also used Ceri Holland as an example. Ceri is a Liverpool professional footballer who attended Steeton Primary School. She played and lived in The United States of America for a time – an opportunity she took despite the fact it was so far away from home.

After much research by Miss Wilson, we have invested in some standing desks in Year 3/4. These have been well received in each of the classes. Some children find sitting for long periods extremely difficult and prefer to work whilst standing. The tables have had a positive impact so far and it is something we will be looking to roll out across school in the future.

Ash class travelled to Grassington's Grass Woods Nature Reserve on Thursday. Despite the wet and windy conditions, they had a fun and informative day learning about nature and building dens. We hope the conditions are a little kinder for Holly and Silver Birch when they go after the holiday.

In the autumn term, I wrote to you regarding the consultation for Steeton to reduce its published admission number – or the number of children we take into school each September. We currently have a maximum of 45 pupils in each year group and we consulted to reduce this to 30. The consultation ran for several weeks and the proposed reduction was approved this week, to take effect from September 2024. This will be a new and exciting time for Steeton and will enable us to move forward at full capacity.

On Monday next week, teachers are working with our art specialist to plan our next half term of Magic Monday artwork. The standard of artwork across school is superb now – we have worked hard to plan a curriculum that is well organised and sequenced with a clear progression of knowledge and skills. I can't wait to see the new displays this week around school which will showcase the outcomes of this half term's work.

It is internet safety day next week. Mrs Birtwistle will begin the week with a whole school assembly for children. On Wednesday we will be holding a parents' information session at 3pm for any parents who would like to come into school and talk about how we keep our children safe online. This will be an informal session with Mrs Kennedy. Refreshments will be available. You can, of course, bring your child – they will be supervised by our staff. Please check in at the office at 3pm.

On Thursday it will be our next parents' book look. This is a super opportunity for you to come into school to see what your child has been learning over the past several weeks. You are welcome from 2pm. There will be staff around to guide you in the right direction and you can take your child and any siblings home once you have finished. Please be aware that this is not a parents' evening – teachers will not be able to discuss your child's progress in detail but they will of course be there to answer any general questions. The children love to see their parents and carers in school and I know that they are very proud of the work they are producing.

At Steeton, we follow SCARF's PSHRE guidance. Coram Life Education & SCARF is the UK's leading charity provider of PSHRE and wellbeing education in primary schools. On Friday, it is, 'Wear your SCARF to School Day'. Children are invited to wear a special or favourite scarf all day in school. We'll be doing some special activities to help us remember and celebrate SCARF's important values of Safety, Caring Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. Look out for a Ping from Miss Bibi today with more details.

Date	Event
8 th February	Safer Internet Day- parent session at 3pm in school
8 th February	KS1 trip to Tropical World
9 th February	Cross Country at Cliffe Castle
9 th February	Whole school book look – all parents welcome
10 th February	Wear your SCARF to school day
10 th February	School closes for the half term break

Enjoy the weekend,

Miss C Redman



Please send your child to school each day with a water bottle. They are busy and active all day long and need to stay hydrated.

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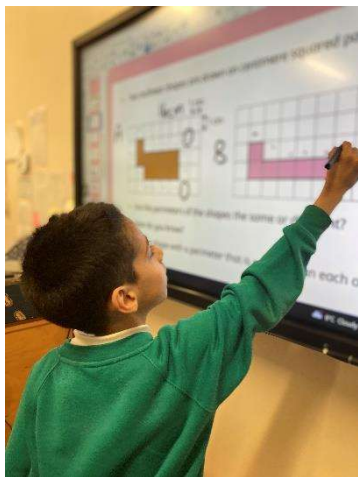
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Remember to inform us of any changes to contact details or medical information





Some wonderful photographs this week. Our happy, kind and hardworking children...just snippets of another week at Steeton