



Friday News

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Well done to this week's
Steeton Superstars

<i>Saplings</i> Lola Owens		<i>Seedlings</i> Amaya Sajid	
<i>Maple</i> Alexander Elliot	<i>Oak</i> Jack Ryan	<i>Willow</i> Evaniya Tom	
<i>Elder</i> Eva Dowling	<i>Fir</i> Oscar Nicholson	<i>Rowan</i> Kara Crampton	
<i>Ash</i> Muhammad Yahya Waheed	<i>Holly</i> Ibrahim Nawaz	<i>Silver Birch</i> Hawwa Kamran	

The first week back of the new half term has flown as usual. The mornings are beginning to get lighter, the days slightly longer and we have had some lovely sunny days this week. The forecast is for some more chilly weather next week so let's hope it doesn't get too cold again.

I began the week with an assembly about empathy – one of our forest principles. Empathy is a tricky concept for children to understand. It is like metaphorically stepping into someone else's shoes and feeling what they are feeling. Research shows that the greatest way to develop empathy is through reading. Books and stories allow children to experience situations through the eyes of the characters and therefore build up both their imagination as to what those situations may feel like and read how characters respond to certain events. In turn, children become more able to empathise with friends and peers in real-life situations and can offer help and support. We will be focusing on this forest principle for the remainder of the half term.

On Wednesday, Mrs Foulds took the netball team to The Holy Family School for the final of the local schools' tournament. Our performance to date has been exceptional – and on Wednesday the team did not disappoint. We won the first game 5-0. However, we narrowly lost the final match of the tournament to Silsden 2-1. It was a very close game and Mrs Foulds is absolutely delighted with the result – silver medals for all the team! It is the best performance in some time for Steeton's netball team. Well done to: Naimh, Leila, Anaya, Gabby, Amelia, Kiese and Moss for being Steeton's netball heroes.

On Thursday, Holly class travelled to Grassington for some outdoor adventure. They had fun in the sun: building dens, constructing stone towers, learning about the local wildlife and the gruesome Grassington local history. Photos at the end of the newsletter.

Next week, on Tuesday, it is the next planned union strike action day. I sent a Ping earlier in the week to explain that, after looking at all the options, school will be open for Year 2 and Year 6 only. There are many limitations that come with strike action – thus is the intended nature of it – and we can only accommodate those children safely on the day. I do appreciate the frustrations and

inconveniences that this causes many of our families who have to make alternative arrangements for that day. The Secretary of State has agreed with the Prime Minister and Chancellor to move into substantive formal talks with the NEU to end the dispute. This will hopefully see an end to any future strikes.

Next week in Key Stage 1, the company 'Living Eggs' will be delivering 10 fertilised hen eggs. We will incubate them and they will hopefully hatch within 2-3 days of arrival. The aim is for all children in the school to come and observe the chicks as they grow and change. We will hopefully be setting up a live stream to allow you to watch the chicks from home too. The chicks will be collected and ethically placed in free range farms after a couple of weeks. This should be a very egg-citing and valuable egg-sperience for the school. We are very egg-cited.

As you know, we are passionate about reading at Steeton; we absolutely believe that it is the key to every child's future. We have worked really hard over the last year establishing a relevant, diverse and modern selection of literature for every child in school to read as a standard expectation in each class. However, for us to really embed reading for pleasure, we need more: more books that ignite imagination; more books that spark curiosity; more books that capture the interest of even the most reluctant reader. This literature needs to be current, it needs to reflect children's unique families, home lives, friends, cultures and beliefs. This is ever-changing and evolving and so must we be in order to keep pace with our young people.

To this end, we are fundraising for more books. It is often seen as unnecessary or perplexing as to why schools should need to raise money for such basic necessities. However, as I have said above, we want more than 'basic necessity' for our children; we want nothing but the best. Which unfortunately is not cheap.

Next week, each day at lunchtime in the library, we will be selling old library books. These books are still fine and in great condition but are dated. If children wish, they can bring 50p to choose and buy a book to bring home.

On 12th March, several staff and governors will be, 'Running to Read.' We are taking part in Bradford's 10km and are asking for any donation as reward. Money raised will go directly to the purchase of new literature for each classroom in school to form their class library. We also hope to re-energise our current library into a more social space over time. The option to donate is on ParentPay, and we also have a Just Giving page if anyone who is not a parent would like to donate. The link is here: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claire-redman?utm_term=qYXpPNPq4

The double yellow lines around School Street and Market Street have been re-painted. Please do not park on them and help to keep our children safe.

Children should not be wearing jewellery for school. A small pair of stud earrings are permitted. Please do not allow your child to wear hoops or dangly earrings – it is so easy for these to be caught on clothing and to be ripped from ear lobes whilst children are playing.

Enjoy the weekend

Miss C Redman

Date	Event
28 th February	Strike action
1 st March	Cross Country at Marley 3:45pm
1 st March	Netball festival at South Craven
2 nd March	Year 5 and 6 girls' football at Marley
3 rd March	Parents' PSHRE sessions in school – 9am or 3pm

Lateness

Your child should not be late for school. 'Just 5 minutes' is actually much more than that in reality. By the time they make it into their classroom, they have missed: learning, messages, chances to interact with friends and it inconveniences many.

Leave plenty of time for your journey at busy times.



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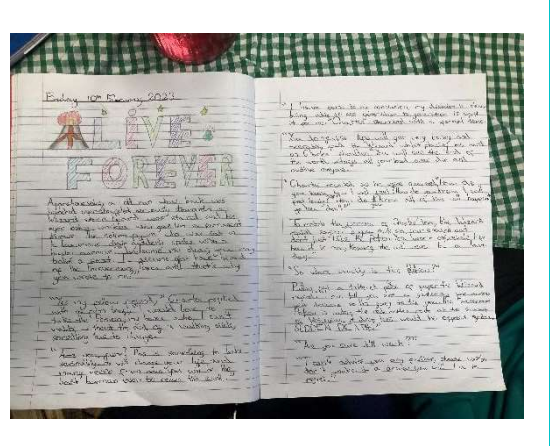
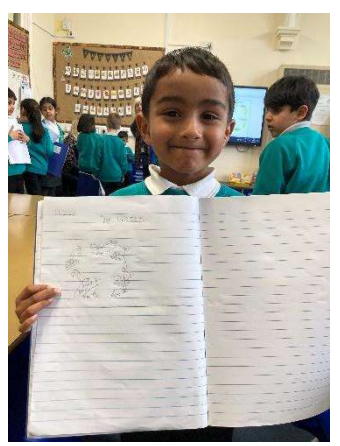
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Grassington adventures, netball medals, fun at lunchtime, skeletons, visitors...just snippets of another week at Steeton