



# Friday News

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Well done to this week's Steeton Superstars

<i>Saplings</i> Lola Owens		<i>Seedlings</i> Alaya Ali	
<i>Maple</i> Phoebe Gray	<i>Oak</i> Ibrahim Iqbal	<i>Willow</i> All of Willow Class	
<i>Elder</i> Hashim Khan	<i>Fir</i> Robert Beatty Downey	<i>Rowan</i> Maleeha Miraj	
<i>Ash</i> Amelia Basharat	<i>Holly</i> Aminah Zafar	<i>Silver Birch</i> Charlie Pollard	



Our forest principle this half term:  
*Self-awareness*

It has been a week of wonderful weather with lots happening as usual. We have, unfortunately, said goodbye to Mrs Birks – our Silver Birch teacher – this morning. She has been teaching at Steeton since 2021, has shared Silver Birch with Mrs Waring since September and we are sad to see her go. However, Mrs Patterson will be joining the Steeton team after the half term break and then she will teach Silver Birch full time from September 2023, when Mrs Waring will teach KS2 music across school. Mrs Patterson has sent this message to Silver Birch children:

*Hello Silver Birch class! My name is Mrs Patterson and I had the pleasure of teaching you a lesson about triangles recently. I am so excited to be your new class teacher. I hope that we will have lots of fun together during your last half term in Year 5 before you start your Year 6 journey. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and working with you, and I am sure that we will have an exciting and productive few weeks together. See you very soon.*

Hagrid came to visit on Tuesday. He is Mrs Kennedy’s dog. Seedlings and Saplings in particular had a wonderful time with him and they have written some super information about how to look after a dog – well done, reception!

Miss Lafbery took a group of children to South Craven on Wednesday for a forensic science event. She reports: *"It was a delight to take 9 pupils from Year 6 to a 'Crime Scene Science Investigation' at South Craven. The aim was to inspire awe and wonder for the children and to give them a taste of what Science at secondary school will be like. This trip is likely to be repeated next year so keep a keen eye out Year 5!"* Well done to: Tayvien, Finley, Rohan, Ernest, Amira, Zakir, Amelia, Taylor and Kiese.

Also on Wednesday, Key Stage 1 went to Lytham for a trip to the beach. What a glorious day they had – although it was very windy and brought new meaning to the word **'sandwiches.'** Mr Daft says that everyone enjoyed playing, building sandcastles and eating ice cream. Thank you to all our volunteers – we could not go ahead with trips like this one without you.

Mr Shaw took a team of Year 5/6 players to Marley on Thursday. It was the 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 parts of the girls' football league (of which we are currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place). We played 5 games. We managed to win 4 and draw 1. This should mean that we remain at the top...nail-biting stuff! Well done to: Violet, Kiese, Anaya, Amira H, Maira, Milo, Hibah, Annie, Joselyn and captain Sunaira, who lead the charge.

News just in as I prepare to send this newsletter – the Y3/4 girls' cricket team, who played a tournament at Sutton Cricket Club this morning – have won the tournament and gained a place at next month's North Yorkshire cricket final at Knaresborough. Amazing – congratulations to: Kara, Haniya, Alice, Hollie, Florence, Anna, Lola and Annabel.

Some time ago, we entered a competition called, 'Step Into the NHS.' The children were invited to design a poster about all the jobs within the sector. We heard this week that Zaynah A has been chosen as a regional area winner and will be invited to the virtual Winners' Day in June - the next stage of judging –which is when regional winners will meet the NHS judges virtually to decide who will be crowned our overall national winner, with the chance of having their entry displayed in public for their local community to see. Congratulations, Zaynah!

We have had several instances of children bringing chewing gum into school. We do not allow chewing gum in school – it gets caught in hair, on clothing and on school furniture and carpet. Please ensure that your child does not bring any gum into school.

I have lots of waste in the school dining room this week – although this is not particularly a new thing. It is really disheartening to see children throwing away meals after one mouthful - and some children literally do not touch their food at all despite staff encouragement. There are many options available each day – there is always a hot option including vegetarian and halal – as well as at least 2 types of sandwiches, wraps, cheese paninis, jacket potatoes with 3 filling options, salad and crusty bread. There is always fruit (watermelon is popular) and either ice cream, yoghurt or a hot pudding and custard. A school meal is £2.10 each day. Whilst it represents good value for children who eat well, it is not particularly cheap if your child is not eating - especially if you are paying for more than one child each day. We would suggest that your child brings a packed lunch if they are throwing away school meals each day.

We are running to read on Sunday. Miss Akram is joining the team and has already received over £100 in sponsorship, so if anyone wants to donate in one final push before the event, then the link is here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claire-redman?utm\\_term=dJ2Yap36g](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claire-redman?utm_term=dJ2Yap36g)

We are so grateful to every supporter – every single penny is purchasing books and resources for 11 class libraries and the result of all our hard work will be revealed after the holidays.

It is the final half term of the year when we return on 5<sup>th</sup> June. I cannot quite believe how quickly the year is passing. I am so proud of every single member of the Steeton team and how hard we have all worked so far – the best is yet to come.

Have a great break in the sunshine. School opens from 8:30am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Miss Redman

Date	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens from 8:30am
7 <sup>th</sup> June	MTC for Year 4
9 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 VR day
12 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS and Y1 phonics screening begins
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 residential parents' meeting

### **SAFEGUARDING**

#### *School Pick Up*

*Please call and let us know if someone unknown to us will be collecting your child – they should make themselves known to your child's class teacher.*

*There is no legal age for children to travel home alone. We need your written consent if you wish for your child to travel home alone – see Miss Kershaw in the office.*

*We prefer an adult to collect your child. This particularly applies to EYFS, where our youngest children need to be closely supervised.*

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