

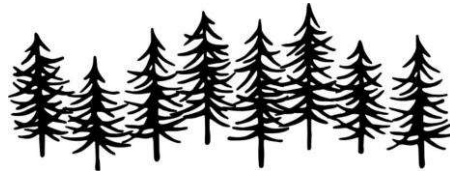


Friday News

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Well done to this week's
Steeton Superstars

Saplings		Seedlings	
Jack Pickles		William Harris	
<i>Maple</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Willow</i>	
Sonny Barnes	Maddie Church	Fraser Simpson	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Fir</i>	<i>Rowan</i>	
Spencer Wainwright	Aiza Hussain	Emily Johnson	
<i>Ash</i>	<i>Holly</i>	<i>Silver Birch</i>	
Zara Saeed	Pasha Stashkiv	Milo Harper	



Our forest principle this half term:

Self-awareness

In assembly on Monday, I outlined our forest principle for this half term: self-awareness. This can be defined as: having a sense of one's own personality and character; and understanding one's emotions, strengths and weaknesses. We looked at how many of us were good at different things, such as sport, drawing, reading etc. And, unsurprisingly, we were all good at different things.

We also looked at how we can recognise our emotions. For example, when we feel cross or angry, children said we may feel warm or like there is a rock in our tummies. If we are happy, we may smile or feel light inside. Lots of children in all years had really insightful things to say about their feelings and how they made their bodies feel. Then we thought about how we can recognise the triggers for those emotions. If we feel upset and frustrated when friends play a particular game, then we can try to find another game to play with others to avoid that feeling. If we feel tired, we need to listen to our bodies and rest. A useful, simple website to look at as a family is [Self-Awareness - BBC Bitesize](#).

Eid parties were great fun on Monday. Miss Akram brought in a selection of party clothes for staff and we all felt very special. Thank you to all parents and carers who sent food in for the children to share with their friends. We always appreciate any donation – and particularly the warm, fresh home cooked food which never lasts very long!

Staff have been out to Waterstones this week to buy new books for their class libraries. It has created a real buzz. Miss Bingham is in the process of creating cosy reading nooks for each classroom and when these are done, the children will be able to get comfy and enjoy the new books. None of this would be possible without the generous donations from parents, friends and the local community supporting us with our, 'Running to Read,' project. We are so grateful as it allows us to continue with our reading for pleasure journey.

Parents consultations were a success this week; it is great to see so many families in school to celebrate the wonderful work from all the children. Due to strike day yesterday, we had to postpone Thursday's meetings until next week. After they are finished, I will ping out a short survey so that we can gather your views and comments about the consultations.

I met with Sally Pickering, the new vicar at Steeton St. Stephen's church, on Wednesday. It was good to show her around school and she enjoyed meeting our children. We talked a lot about our community and how we can continue to build and grow. Following her visit, she emailed me and I loved this from her: *'There is much thought about community- what it can mean in our fast-paced lives, where we rush about, families move away for work, the digital world takes over our spare time. But there is a growing realisation that community exists around common interests and shared goals, hopes and wishes. It can exist well when geography and closeness are less prevalent. I was touched, and warmed by your excitement for your school, the smiles on the children's faces, the enthusiasm and welcome of your staff. There is much to celebrate and I love your focus on having an Inspirational Community.'*

She told me about events happening in Steeton to celebrate the Bank Holiday. There are events happening on Saturday 6th May from 10am at The Hub, Steeton Hall, The Goat's Head, Soldiers and Sailors Club and Eastburn Inn. On Sunday 7th May, there is a service at St. Stephen's Church followed by a shared lunch. Everyone is welcome from 10am. On Monday 8th May, afternoon tea is available at The Hub between 12-4pm. There is a family treasure hunt to be announced – please check Steeton Village Green Forum on Facebook.

Mrs Birtwistle took a group of mazing mathematicians in Year 3 and 4 to South Craven on Wednesday to take part in the Maths Challenge. Our children were simply spectacular, answering many challenging questions and problems. Although we did not win, everyone performed very well. Well done to: Meera, Oscar, Henry, Nathaniel, Lola, Rishaan, Eesa and Albie. We are very proud of you; fantastic mathematicians and wonderful conduct.

Today we say goodbye to our work experience students from South Craven, the majority of who were pupils here several years ago. They have worked alongside staff and been helpful and hardworking. It has been really lovely to see how they have all grown into young adults, confidently navigating the world. They spoke so fondly of their time here and it has been fun to hear their stories and memories. Thank you to: Alice, Max, Malaika, Sam, Ethan, Mehrosh, Asim, Martha and Ione.

Next week is yet another short week. We have another national strike action day, following Bank Holiday Monday, on Tuesday. As it stands, school will be open for Year 2 and Ash class only again due to staffing.

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles in school on Friday with an assembly, parties, competitions and a British themed lunch. Mrs Foulds has been busy organising a day to remember, and we are asking that children come dressed in their finest occasion-wear fit for a king!

Enjoy the long weekend,

Miss C Redman

Date	Event
Monday 1 st May	School closed - bank holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Strike action day
5 th May	King's coronation party day
9 th May	Y6 SATs begin. Breakfast from 8am for all Y6 all week
10 th May	EYFS trip to Harlow Carr
12 th May	Elder Forest school
12 th May	Picnic themed school lunch
15 th May	Y2 SATS begin



Useful websites for parents and carers with young children:

[Home - ERIC](#) - children's bowel and bladder charity

[Sleep Advice Service - Cerebra](#) - sleep tips

[The BUSS Model](#) - children's trauma support

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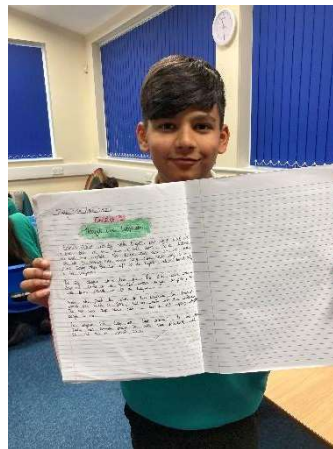
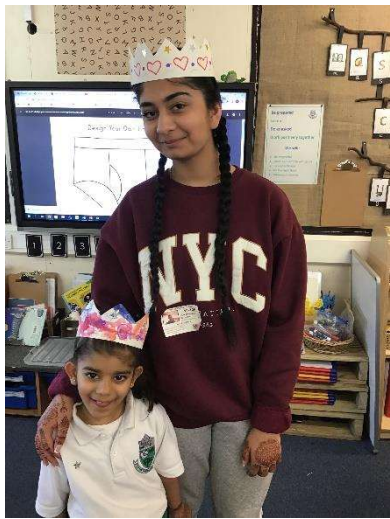
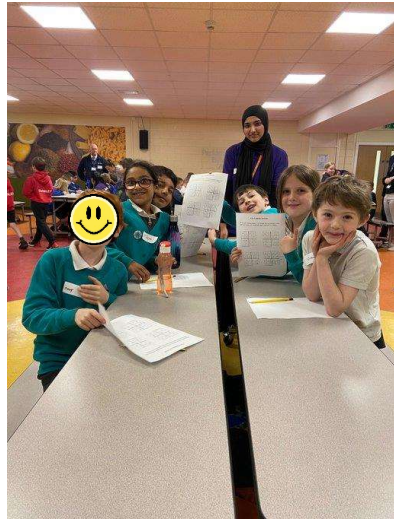
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Work experience students, sunny playtimes, proud work, parachute fun, Eid parties...just a snippet of another busy week at Steeton.