

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, the children in Years 1-6 were due to visit Windsor Castle as part of our 'Themed Week' in Autumn Term; however, due to the incredibly sad news of HM Queen Elizabeth II passing away, the trip was postponed.

I am delighted to let you know that this has now been re-booked for Thursday 20th April. I am also very pleased to announce that our Reception children will be joining Years 1-6 on the trip, as they have settled very well into their new school routine. A letter will be sent home separately, reminding parents of arrangements for the day.

PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings for this term will be held on Tuesday 14th March. Following the success of our Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings in Autumn Term, we will follow the same format, i.e. face-to-face, with appointments held in the School Hall. Further details will be sent home separately.

As these meetings are a valued opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and support their learning, please contact your child's class teacher if you are not able to attend the meeting.

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to our previous Head Boy, Olly Boulton and Head Girl, Rosie Jackson, Deputy Head Boy, James Crowe and Deputy Head Girl, Lola Bobillier. All have been excellent role models.

This term I am pleased to announce that our Head Boy is Marselo Collaku and Head Girl is Arabella Marklew, selected by the children. I am sure they will also be excellent role models in our school community. Congratulations also to our new Deputy Head Boy, Harrison Milton and Deputy Head Girl, Aleesha Ahmed. Well done!

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE
Congratulations to
Falcons and Hawks Classes
for the best attendance
in the last two weeks.

	3rd-6th January	9th-13th January
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.3%	95.6%
Ladybirds	88.0%	95.3%
Butterflies	91.9%	93.9%
Grasshoppers	94.3%	96.3%
Falcons	94.4%	98.2%
Hawks	89.9%	99.1%
Owls	93.9%	95.5%
Kites	93.1%	91.2%

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- ♦ Oscar Woodward - Swimming Certificate & Medal
 - ♦ Isla Woodward - Swimming Certificate & Medal
- Thank you for sharing your success with the children at our Whole School Assembly.

LADYBIRDS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 13th January Ladybirds performed their version of Cinderella for their first ever class assembly.

The children chose which part they wanted to play, therefore we had six Cinderellas, five Prince Charmings and lots of fairy god persons, as well as mice, lizards, rats, pumpkins, clocks and Ugly sisters!

With a 'let's pretend theme', the children were brilliant at remembering their roles and lines, and performed beautifully for parents, grown-ups and pupils.

Everyone told us how much they had enjoyed it.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have been presented with Headteacher Awards:

- * Thom-Jacob Adams
- * Maisy-May Cork
- * Aleesha Ahmed
- * Daniel Hollis
- * James Crowe
- * Steven Khant
- * Olly Boulton
- * Poppy Beresford
- * Brooke Haden
- * Rosie Jackson
- * Kerenza Jenkin
- * Olivia Larson
- * Edward Povey
- * Max Tomlin
- * Jennafer Homer
- * Victoria Moreira

'Scrooge' The Musical!

On Tuesday 17th January, Stepgates were treated to a surprise production of 'Scrooge' The Musical! This was a very kind gift from M&M Theatre productions which we all thoroughly enjoyed. There were four actors who used very clever scenery, songs, dance and a superb script to bring the book written by Charles Dickens to life!

Each year group from Reception to Year 6 were invited to enjoy the show, and sang along to the well known songs - Miss Biggs even got up onto the stage for a dance!

We are so grateful for such a generous way to spend the afternoon, given to us by the theatre company, a wonderful time was had by all!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child in September 2023?

We are now commencing the admission process for our Sunbeams Nursery for September 2023.

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021

If your child is under three years of age, we offer EITHER five morning sessions (9:00am to 12:00 noon) OR five afternoon sessions (12:30pm to 3:30pm). You may choose less than five sessions but we would recommend you choose at least two sessions per week.

For eligible parents we offer four 'Free Early Education for Two year olds' (FEET) places, for which a copy letter proving eligibility from Surrey County Council needs to be provided to secure this place. (For eligibility please see: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/childcare-professionals/providing-free-early-education/providing-free-early-education-for-two-year-olds#>)

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020

We offer 15 hour funded places on a two and a half day split; either Monday full day, Tuesday full day and Wednesday morning OR Wednesday afternoon, Thursday full day and Friday full day.

For eligible parents we offer 30 hour free childcare places, for which a code from HMRC needs to be provided to secure this place. (For eligibility please see <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>)

For further information and/or an Application Form, please contact:

Mrs M Fernandez
Business Manager
Telephone: 01932 563022
Email: admin@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

YEAR 5 AND 6 GIRLS LEAGUE GAME V ST CUTHBERT'S

On Friday 13th January, the girls football team played against St Cuthbert's. In the first half, we played amazingly and had lots of shots. However, the other team managed to slip a goal in, making it 1-0 to them in the first half. In the second half, Bells managed to score a goal making it 1-1. Phoebe did amazing defending and at the end of the game, Amelia scored a great goal, making it 2-1 to us! Amelia was player of the match for scoring the winning goal. Erin was great support. Well done to all the girls. We are currently top of our group!

Thank you to everyone who came to support us.

Written by Aleesha, Bells, Lola and Amelia

DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2023

Friday 27th January	Year 5 (Owls) Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 3rd February	Year 1 (Butterflies) Class Assembly 9:05am
Wednesday 8th February	Year 1 (Butterflies) Trip to Milestones Museum
Friday 10th February	Children finish at normal time for half term
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 20th February	Children return to school
Saturday 25th February	FOSS Table Top Sale, St Peter's Church - 9:30-11:30am
Thursday 2nd March	Year 5 (Owls) Trip to Chertsey Museum
Wed 8th to Fri 10th March	Year 4 (Hawks) Residential Trip to Henley Fort
Tuesday 14th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings - (<i>Further details to follow</i>)
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April	Easter holidays

Summer Term 2023

**DURING MAY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE
NO AUTHORISED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING THIS TIME**

Monday 17th April	Children return to school
Thursday 20th April	Whole School Trip - Years R to 6 to Windsor Castle
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III - School closed
Tues 9th - Fri 12th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 9th May	Book Fair this week
Thursday 25th May	Class Photos
Friday 26th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Mon 5th - Fri 9th June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential trip
Monday 12th June	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 27th June	Secondary Induction Day) (<i>Please check with individual</i>
Wednesday 28th June	Secondary Induction Day) <i>school for further details</i>)
Thursday 6th July	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

Friends of Step gates School (FOSS) are organising a Table Top Sale on Saturday 25th February at St Peter's Church, Chertsey.
For further details please see below:

A stylized illustration of a brown cardboard box with its flaps open, spilling out various household and school items. The items include a red watering can, a blue lamp, a red guitar, a potted plant, a globe, a sewing machine, a small mirror, a blue potted plant, a brown suitcase, a small brown box, and a brown hat. The background is a solid orange color with a large, light orange triangle pointing upwards, creating a spotlight effect on the box. The text 'TABLE TOP SALE' is prominently displayed in the upper half of the triangle. Below the box, the date, time, and location of the sale are listed. At the bottom, a banner lists the items for sale: 'SECOND HAND TABLE TOP SALE | REFRESHMENTS | SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM'.

TABLE TOP

SALE

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023
ST PETER'S CHURCH, CHERTSEY, KT16 8AT
9:30AM - 11:30AM

SECOND HAND TABLE TOP SALE | REFRESHMENTS | SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

**50p
ENTRY**

**Tables are available to sell your own
things for £10. Please book by emailing
stevenandmarita@gmail.com**

