

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a restful half term. This half term's School Value is 'Pride'. The children will be focusing on taking pride in their appearance and the environment during assembly and in class. Please encourage them to think about things they can be proud of in themselves, their families and in our school or wider community.

REMINDER - 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. Separate information will follow, but in the meantime please see text message sent yesterday regarding online booking slots. 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.

There will also be an opportunity for parents in Years R to 6 to attend our very popular Parent 'Drop-in' sessions. As you know these are designed to give an opportunity to look through your child's work and see their classroom and learning environment. Further details, including the date and time, will be sent separately by your child's class teacher. Please can you confirm with the class teacher if you plan on attending.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have seen an increase in the number of children wearing trainers to school and would like to remind parents trainers are not permitted in school, unless your child is wearing their PE Kit or is taking part in Forest School sessions. I would like to see all children wearing black school shoes. If there are exceptional circumstances, please contact your child's class teacher to discuss.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE
Congratulations to
Grasshoppers Class for
the best attendance in
the two weeks before the
half term break.

	30th Jan-3rd Feb	6th-10th February
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.6%	93.3%
Ladybirds	88.1%	91.9%
Butterflies	93.6%	93.6%
Grasshoppers	97.5%	95.6%
Falcons	93.9%	93.6%
Hawks	90.6%	94.2%
Owls	93.3%	95.5%
Kites	91.5%	88.8%

FOSS TABLE TOP SALE SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 9:30-11:30am

**Don't forget to join FOSS (Friends of Stepgates School)
for their Table Top Sale tomorrow
at**

St Peter's Church, Chertsey. KT16 8AT

ENTRY: 50p

Second hand Table Top Sale

Refreshments

Second hand School Uniform

PROUD CORNER



WELL DONE TO:



- ◆ Dexter S, Year 1 - Aqua Tots Swimming Certificate & Badge
- ◆ Sebbie H, Year 2 - 326 Dance Medal
- ◆ Clay H, Year 1 - Swimming Certificate & Badge
- ◆ Adewonuola O, Year 3 - Dance/Gym Exam Certificates & Rosettes
- ◆ Jack W, Year 1 - Abbey Rangers Football Medal
- ◆ Matilda C, Year 5 - Ballet Exam Certificate (Distinction)
- ◆ Amelia W, Year 6 - Chosen for District Sports Football Team

Thank you for sharing your success with the children at our Whole School Assembly.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

- * Sean-Paul S, Year 3
- * Ruby D, Year 6
- * Archie L, Year 1

Well Done!

A very well done to all those children who received a Well Done Certificate for last half term.

Keep up the good work!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fun



Some of our Infant children had great fun making pancakes to celebrate the start of Lent in the Christian Calendar.

The children measured and made the batter, watched the pancakes being cooked and flipped, then covered them with delicious toppings before eating them!

The experience was enjoyed by all!



PROUD CORNER

BUTTERFLIES CLASS ASSEMBLY

For our class assembly we showed everyone our maths learning. We sang a song called – 'I can show numbers in so many ways'.

Archie L was the teacher! He asked the children to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and to write a number sentence using the numbers 3, 7 and 10.

We used large Numicon to show an addition number sentence, Aaliyah and Kye swapped places to show the inverse.

Lots of us had resources to show as we sang the song. We had the numbers written as a word and as numerals, a number line, a dice, a domino, we held up our fingers, showed pictures to represent a number and even made a tally.

We had fun showing our super maths learning!

Written by Butterflies children

BUTTERFLIES CLASS

BUTTERFLIES TRIP TO MILESTONES MUSEUM

We got on a coach and drove a long way on the motorway.

When we got to Milestones Museum we saw a yellow racing car, it was really old.

A lady talked to us about old things that were used in kitchens from the past.

We had to order pictures of how people washed their clothes in the past.

We dressed up in clothes from the past, it was funny!

We had a treasure hunt and had to search the museum for different objects.

We used old pennies in the penny arcade and bought sweeties from the old sweet shop.

We had a lovely time and learnt lots about the past.

Written by Butterflies children



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Football Match Reports

Girls Friendly V St Paul's School Wednesday 1st February 2023

On Wednesday 1st February the girls football team played a friendly against St Paul's. At the start of the match we had most possession on the ball. We had a lot of shots but sadly, they didn't go in. Our defence was amazing and kept the other team from scoring.

In the second half, Amelia managed to score a goal for our team, making it 1-0. We did a lot of passing, shooting and defending to maintain the score. The end score was 1-0 to us. The players of the match were Amelia and Bells.

Written by The Girls Team

Boys Friendly V Cleves School Friday 3rd February 2023

On Friday 3rd February the Stepgates boys football team played a match against Cleves School. We knew it would be a very tough match. We went 1-0 down and didn't give up.

Then Harrison scored to make it 1-1. After that, Oliver played a great ball to Ollly and chipped the keeper to make it 2-1 to us. Unfortunately, they scored two more goals and Oliver got injured and had to come off, so that meant we had to play 6 Vs 7 for ten minutes. In the last 30 seconds, Harrison scored a great goal from outside the box to make it 3-3. Our defence was played really well and so did Marcelo and Subhan in goal. Players of the match were Harrison and Ollly.

Written by the Boys Team



Don't forget....



WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.

This will be a Mufti Day. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring a copy of the book to school to share with the class.



Bring along some money for a book sale during school time – all books 50p! Donate a carrier bag of books before 28th February and receive a token to spend.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Value we are learning
about this half term is...



Pride

Emergency Contact Details

**Please can you make sure that we
have all your up to date telephone
numbers and email addresses.**

**If we have the wrong details,
we may not be able to contact you
in an emergency.**

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:

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

DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2023

Saturday 25th February	FOSS Table Top Sale, St Peter's Church - 9:30-11:30am
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day Year 5 (Owls) Trip to Chertsey Museum
Wed 8th to Fri 10th March	Year 4 (Hawks) Residential Trip to Henley Fort
Monday 13th March	FOSS Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 14th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 15th March	FOSS Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 30th March	FOSS Easter Disco - <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 25 th 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) (Please check with individual school for further details)
Wednesday 28th June	Secondary Induction Day)
Thursday 6th July	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm