

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems impossible that it is almost half term! I am very proud of all children who have completed their assessments, but especially the Year 6 children who have completed their SATs - their efforts and attitude to do the very best they can has been amazing. I would like to thank my wonderful staff who continue to work tirelessly to support our children, but particularly to the many staff who offered their support to our Year 6 children/team last week. I was, once again, reminded of the wonderful community we have at Stepgates. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Charis Wallace for generously giving her time to Stepgates also.

This week we received a very exciting delivery from the Happy Chick Company! The children in Sunbeams, Ladybirds, Butterflies and Grasshoppers classes are all very excited and have found watching the chicks hatch a wonderful experience. The chicks will stay with us for two weeks in groups of five or six chicks per Infant classroom, in their brooder box, and will provide an opportunity for the children to learn about life cycles, growth and new life. At the end of their two week stay at Stepgates, the company ensure that the chicks will be rehomed on sustainable farms by the donor company.

STAFFING

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to two new members of staff, Miss Katherine Savidge and Mrs Emma Hayward, who have joined us this term as a Learning Support Assistant and Higher Level Teaching Assistant respectively. I am sure that they will soon feel part of the Stepgates team.

CLASS PHOTO

Class Photos are scheduled to take place on Thursday, 25th May. Please ensure your child is smart and in full school uniform.

As this will be the last issue of Headlines this half term, I would like to thank all staff, parents, governors and children of Stepgates Community School for another successful half term. It has been a pleasure to walk through school to see the children happy and engaged.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

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

	1st-5th May	8th-12th May
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.6%	92.7%
Ladybirds	91.5%	94.4%
Butterflies	94.1%	93.8%
Grasshoppers	89.8%	93.8%
Falcons	97.4%	97.4%
Hawks	93.6%	94.3%
Owls	90.5%	93.9%
Kites	93.0%	98.2%

PROUD CORNER



WELL DONE TO:

- ♦ Isla-Rose S (Year 1) - Gym Certificate / Badge Level 1

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:

- * Chardonnay S (Year 3)
- * Martha F (Year 3)
- * Alfie S (Year 5)
- * Oliver W (Year 5)

CHICK-A-THON

Children in the Infant school had a lovely afternoon partaking in our Chick-a-thon event this week. The crazy races were sponsored by families to raise money for our chick project this month.

Flapping like a chicken and wearing novelty items was all part of the fun.

Thank you to our families for their generous donations.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all parents/carers who supported the Book Fair.

We raised a fantastic £486.80, 40% of which will go towards books for the children.

Here comes the sun!!!

Now that the warmer weather has finally arrived, please could you make sure that you send your children into school with a water bottle and hat. All KS1 children need to have sun cream applied before they come into school each day. KS2 children can bring sun cream in and apply it themselves.



A selection of gifts will be available for your child to purchase as a gift for that special person in their life.

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th of June

The gift shop will take place during school hours.

Please send money in the week before to ensure the shop is fully stocked.

Any money received after these dates will be returned.

Please enclose the correct funds (£3.50 per gift) in a sealed envelope to the school office stating on the front the child's name/class/who the gift/s are for or use the form below if you have access to a printer

Child's name/class _____

Gift recipient _____

Enclosed funds (£3.50 per gift) _____



Stepgates Community School

SUMMER Fair

Friday 23rd June
3:00PM - 5:30PM

50p ENTRY

School Sports Field, Free Prae Road, Chertsey
All welcome (including non-Stepgates families!)

Friends of Stepgates School

DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - SUMMER TERM 2023

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

Thursday 25 th May	Class Photos
Friday 26 th May	Ladybirds Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 26 th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Children return to school
Mon 5 th - Fri 9 th June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential trip
Monday 12 th June	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 13 th June	Year 6 to Guildford Cathedral <i>(Please note change of date)</i>
Tuesday 13 th & Wednesday 14 th June	Father's Day Gift Stall <i>(During school hours)</i>
Friday 16 th June	Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 23 rd June	FOSS Summer Fair
Tuesday 27 th June	Secondary Induction Day - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Wednesday 28 th June	Secondary Induction Day - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Thursday 29 th June	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 7 th July	Butterflies Class Assembly 9:05am
Saturday 8 th July	Black Cherry Fair
Friday 14 th July	Grasshoppers Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 21 st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm



INSET DAY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023
FOR AN INSET DAY**

DATES - 2023/2024

Friday 1st September 2023 - INSET Day - School closed

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 - Children in Years 1-6 start school

Friday 20th October 2023 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Mon 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023)

Monday 30th October 2023 - Children return to school

Monday 4th December 2023 - INSET Day - School closed

Friday 15th December 2023 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm

(Christmas holidays - Mon 18th December 2023 to Mon 1st January 2024)

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - Children return to school

Friday 9th February 2024 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Mon 12th February to Fri 16th February 2024)

Monday 19th February 2024 - Children return to school

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm

(Easter holidays - Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024)

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 - Children return to school

Monday 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed

Friday 24th May 2024 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2024)

Monday 3rd June 2024 - Children return to school

Monday 10th June 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

Friday 19th July 2024 - Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

Monday 22nd July 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 10th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

ADVERTISEMENTS

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