

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. We have a very busy term ahead of us with many activities already in the diary.

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents into school this week for our 'Celebration of Pupils Work' sessions; once again these have been a huge success and very well attended. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your child's work and see their classroom/learning environment.

If you are unable to attend Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings next week (Tuesday 5th March), please contact your child's class teacher, as these meetings are a valued opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and support their learning.

PRIDE

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.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE
Congratulations to
Grasshoppers Class for the
best attendance in the last
two weeks

	5th-9th February	19th-23rd Feb
WHOLE SCHOOL	91.3%	94.4%
Ladybirds	93.5%	95.3%
Butterflies	93.8%	94.7%
Grasshoppers	97.5%	98.2%
Falcons	88.1%	93.0%
Hawks	85.0%	92.7%
Owls	93.6%	94.6%
Kites	88.3%	91.9%

REMINDER

WORLD BOOK DAY IS ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

No costume required!!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing FOSS team who have very kindly bought every pupil in Years R to 6 a plain white T-shirt. The children will create a design on the front of the T-shirt to represent their favourite book!

Bring and Buy Book Sale - 7th March

Bring along 50p for a book sale during school time - all books 50p each!
Thank you to all parents who have donated books for the sale.

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- Matilda C, Year 6 - Gym Medal 3rd place overall
- Jackson S, Year 4 - Art work fabric tile
- Clay H, Year 2 - Swimming Certificate Stage 2
- Ava G, Year 6 - Cheer Leading Team Trophy and Medal 1st place
- Elijah C, Year 2 - Football Medal
- Chace H, Year 4 - Swimming Certificate
- Penelope D, Year 2 - Certificate for climbing The Monument to the Great Fire of London

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:

- ♦ Jackson S, Year 4
- ♦ Alfie H, Year 2
- ♦ Florence H, Year 3
- ♦ Bella G, Year 3
- ♦ Isla W, Year 5 X 2
- ♦ Alfie P, Year 3
- ♦ Jack E, Year 5
- ♦ Toby E, Year 2
- ♦ Stanley F, Year 5
- ♦ Max P, Year 3
- ♦ Georgia R, Year 3

GRASSHOPPERS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 23rd February, we had our Grasshoppers assembly where we shared our learning all about the Great Fire of London. We performed a fire dance (which we choreographed ourselves), had a news report from the Grasshoppers Newsroom and our rendition of 'London's Burning' on our recorders wowed our audience. The performance of a rousing song called '1666' retold the story of the fire and we all spoke clearly and confidently.

Our adults in Grasshoppers class were really proud of us but, more importantly, we were very proud of ourselves for doing such an amazing job.

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH



Louis Daniel Armstrong
(4 August 1901 – 6 July 1971)

Musical Genre: Jazz

Louis Daniel Armstrong nicknamed "Satchmo", "Satch", and "Pops", was an American trumpeter, composer, vocalist, and actor who was among the most influential figures in jazz. His career spanned five decades, from the 1920s to the 1960s, and different eras in the history of jazz.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Henry Moore
(30 July 1898 – 31 August 1986)

Art Style: Sculpture

Henry Spencer Moore OM CH FBA was an English artist. He is best known for his semi-abstract monumental bronze sculptures which are located around the world as public works of art.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

LADYBIRDS CLASS



**LADYBIRDS CLASS
TRIP TO
CHERTSEY MUSEUM**

Ladybirds had a super time at Chertsey Museum, learning about the 'Olden days'. The children were able to explore and play with lots of objects and toys. They also dressed up in different outfits and looked at lots of inventions including grandfather clocks. The children all said that they would like to visit again after having so much fun!



PANATHLON CHALLENGE



On Thursday 22nd February some of Robins went on a sporting trip to Cleves School to take part in a Panathlon Challenge. We left school at 9:30am to get on the mini-bus to drive to Cleves School. When we arrived, we were given our area and put into teams. Once all the schools had arrived we listened to the coach who told us about how the morning would go. We then went to our first activity. The activities included Skittles, Basketball, Bean Bag Throw, Curling, and Target Throwing. We all had different favourite activities. After all the activities were finished we got together in a big group to see how each team did. Our team came 4th out of the eight teams and we each got a medal. Although we felt nervous, we worked together as a team and we all had a fun time!



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.**

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child in September 2024?

*We are now commencing the admission process for our
Sunbeams Nursery for September 2024*

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022

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 2020 and 31st August 2021

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

DATES - 2023/2024

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 4th March	FOSS Mother's Day Gift Stall
Tuesday 5th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
Wednesday 6th March	FOSS Mother's Day Gift Stall
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day for Years R to 6
Friday 8th March	Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 15th March	Ladybirds Class Assembly 9:05am
Wednesday 20th March	FOSS Easter Disco
Friday 22nd March	Owls Class Assembly 9:05am
Tues 26th - Thurs 28th March	Year 4 (Hawks) Residential trip to Henley Fort
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1pm
Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2024

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

Monday 15th April	Children return to school
Monday 22nd April	Book Fair this week
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Thursday 23rd May	Class Photos
Friday 24th May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Friday 24th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential Trip
Monday 10th June	INSET Day - School closed
Friday 21st June	FOSS Summer Fair
Thursday 27th June	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July	Secondary School Induction Days - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Saturday 13th July	Black Cherry Fair
Friday 19th July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days - School closed

UPCOMING FOSS EVENTS

FOSS (Friends of Step gates School) have been busy organising a variety of events for the children to enjoy, including their very popular Mother's Day Gift Stall, Easter Disco (for Years R-6) and Summer Fair. Please see below for further details:



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

£3.50 per gift

Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th March

The gift shop will take place during school hours.

Please either use the form below or write the same details onto a sealed envelope. Please enclose the correct money and either hand to the office or pop in the red box by reception.

STEPGATES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

EASTER DISCO

WEDNESDAY 20th March
 Infants 3:20 - 4:30
 Juniors 4:45 - 6:00
 Ticket Price: £5*



*Price includes: Entrance, bag of sweets, popcorn, drink and glitter tattoo.
 Sibling discount: £9.50 for two siblings; £14 for 3 siblings.
 Tickets will be sold on 14th, 15th and 16th March in the playground after school. Alternatively, please hand money to reception.

2024 THANK YOU

Step gates Community School

SUMMER TERM FUN

SAVE THE DATES

SUMMER FAIR
 Friday 21st June
 3:00 - 5:30

Black Cherry Fair
 Saturday 13th July
 9:30 - 11:30



2024 THANK YOU

ADVERTISEMENTS

We are regularly asked if we can advertise a variety of external organisations in the form of flyers/posters etc. The following page(s) contain advertisement requests we have received from external organisations.

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GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE

EASTER HALF TERM 2024

Wk1 – Tuesday 2nd April & Wednesday 3rd April
Wk2 – Monday 8th April & Tuesday 9th April

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)
Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm
£28 Daily / £55 Two Day / £80 Three Day / £100 Four Day

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!

- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching.
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.

If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact **Tom** on **07825 089500** or email **tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk**

