

# Headlines

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another exciting and busy term it doesn't seem five minutes since we came back after Christmas - where does the time go to? There have been many highlights, including World Book Day and amazing FOSS events such as the Easter Disco and Mother's Day Stall; we have also had some wonderful successes which include First Place for our Dance Crew who performed in the ERPSSA Dance Festival, along with many exciting trips, all of which have enabled the children to enjoy their learning.

### COMIC RELIEF 'RED NOSE DAY'

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents who supported Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. Your contributions are much appreciated. We raised a total of £179.85 for this very worthy cause.

### YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

This week our Year 4 children are having a fantastic time on their residential trip to Henley Fort; they will be taking part in a wide range of fun activities, including shelter building, archery and rock climbing. Their behaviour has been exemplary; they are outstanding ambassadors for the school.

As you all know I am extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful community and would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to the following:

- Thank you to the children! I am very pleased with their behaviour and attitudes to learning
- Thank you to all Governors who continue to devote their time to Stepgates Community School
- Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support, understanding, and generosity; this is very much appreciated by the staff at Stepgates and, of course, the children
- Thank you to our amazing FOSS Team who are already thinking about the Black Cherry Fair and our very popular Summer Fair
- And finally.....Thank you to my wonderful staff for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to the children

I hope you and your families enjoy a restful Easter break. Children finish at 1:00pm tomorrow (Thursday 28th March) and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April 2024.

Mrs T Ford  
Headteacher

**ATTENDANCE**  
Congratulations to  
Owls Class and Butterflies  
Class for the best  
attendance in the last two  
weeks

	11th-15th March	18th-22nd March
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
Ladybirds	95.0%	95.6%
Butterflies	94.1%	97.5%
Grasshoppers	95.5%	94.2%
Falcons	91.8%	86.1%
Hawks	92.1%	92.4%
Owls	96.4%	96.1%
Kites	90.6%	95.0%

# PROUD CORNER

## Well done to:

- Mia W, Year 5 - Brownie Badge
- Harry A, Year 3 - Titanic Art Picture
- Annabelle HEK, Year R - Encore Theatre Arts Show
- Isabella HEK, Year 3 - Encore Theatre Arts Show
- Jackson S, Year 4 - Art Work
- Emma H, Year 5 - Voice in a Million Concert
- Isla W, Year 5 - Voice in a Million Concert
- Oscar W, Year 4 - Voice in a Million Concert
- Alfie G, Year 1 - Spanish Amigos Certificate
- Molly F, Year 1 - Spanish Amigos Certificate
- Dakota W, Year 1 - Spanish Amigos Certificate and Swimming 140m Certificate
- Lily S, Year 6 - Trampoline Certificate
- Boe B, Year 2 - Gymnastics Level 1 Certificate

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

A special mention must go to Wisdom O, Year 5, who has been selected to play for Chelsea Football Club.

Wisdom has his own Chelsea football shirt, which he brought in to show the children during assembly; he explained that his shirt is for sale and was displayed amongst the 'First Team' player shirts in the shop at Chelsea Football Ground.

## OWLS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 22nd March 2024 we did our class assembly about Easter All Around the World. First we sang our song Easter Jubilation, then we were introduced and then we all said our lines or did our actions. After everyone had finished their part we started our other song called The Chocolate Song. I know it sounds really cheesy but in my opinion it was the funniest thing we did. I loved all the actions and lines especially the props. Our flowers and sand were extremely beautiful, but I think most of the appreciation should go to the teachers, if it wasn't for them we wouldn't have our assembly, our lines, our actions or half our flags done.

The conclusion is the assembly was great, the actors were great and so were the speakers.

**By Victoria**

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

- ♦ Ella C, Year 3

## Well Done!

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

**Keep up the good work!**

## ROCKSTEADY CONCERT



THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN HAVING SESSIONS WITH ROCKSTEADY WERE VERY EXCITED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024.

THE BANDS ALL GAVE A FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE AND LOVED PERFORMING TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL, STAFF AND PARENTS, WHO ALL THOROUGHLY ENJOYED IT.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO ATTENDED.

## DATES - 2023/2024

**Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024** Easter Holidays



### LAST DAY OF TERM

**SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 1:00PM ON  
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024**

**SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN ON  
MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024  
DOORS OPEN AT 8:40AM**

### UPCOMING EVENTS - 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
Wednesday 17th April	FOSS Bag2School
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 - <b>(Please check with individual school for further details)</b>
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

## FOSS NEWS AND EVENTS

### FOSS EASTER DISCO

A fantastic time was had by all at the Easter Disco last week!

Thank you to parents and teachers for support on the afternoon; a brilliant £750 was raised by FOSS.

Well done and thank you to all involved!

## Thank you

A very big thank you to FOSS and Ace Thames Security for the monetary donation towards an Easter Egg for each pupil. Each child received a lovely Easter gift as a result.

The Easter Egg Hunt this week was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by the children of Stepgates.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter break!



## DON'T FORGET

### FOSS BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION ON

**WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2024**

If you're like us and recently had a sort out but have nowhere to take your unwanted clothes and items, look no further than here! Bag2School is an organisation that helps raise funds for schools and other charities by collecting unwanted clothes.

Bag2School will accept the following 'good quality' items for reuse:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Items that won't be accepted by Bag2School:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please, please do not hand in wet, stained or school-branded clothing. Each bag will be checked, so please make sure these guidelines are followed.

Drop off at the gates to the school car park on Wednesday 17th April between 8-9am and 3-4pm. Or earlier/later by arrangement with FOSS.

