

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday 19th September we had a very successful whole school trip to Wellington Country Park. This was a fantastic trip, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the staff and children. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents/carers who offered their help on the day and to the children, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school during the trip; their behaviour was exemplary!

As we start a new academic year, I would like to remind all parents/carers to take a look around our website (www.stepgatesschool.co.uk) which contains lots of useful information. This is updated regularly and includes our Upcoming Events, as well as Latest News, INSET Days, Term Dates, our school newsletter, Headlines, useful links and much more.

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

This term I am pleased to announce that our Head Boy is Oliver B and Head Girl is Bella L, selected by the children. I am sure they will be excellent role models in our school community. Congratulations also to our new Deputy Head Boy, John E and Deputy Head Girl, Isla W. Well done!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Thank you to all parents for supporting Jeans for Genes day on Friday 20th September. Your generosity towards this very worthy cause, which provides care and support for thousands of children living with genetic disorders, raised £165.20 and is very much appreciated.

FOSS NEED YOU

I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing FOSS Team who work tirelessly organising many wonderful events and activities for the children of Stepgates Community School. They are already busy planning a variety of events for Autumn Term.

The Committee consists of a few dedicated members who continue to devote their time to ensure all events are a huge success, enabling them to continue to make the many donations for our children.

I know the 'Team' would love to welcome new members. It is such a great way to be involved with school life and meet new people. Even if you can only spare just a little bit of your time, on an occasional basis, this can make such a huge difference.

Without the commitment of our FOSS Team, it is unlikely our children would have experienced a Whole School Theatre Trip to see 'Shrek'; Halloween Disco; Easter Disco; Mother's Day Gift Stall; Father's Day Gift Stall; 'Elfridges' Gift Stall; Summer Fair, to name just a few.

On behalf of all the children and staff at Stepgates, I would like to thank you for any support/assistance you are able to offer our lovely FOSS Team and, ultimately, help to raise funds for our children.

If you would like to know more and can spare some time, please contact:
friendsofstepgatesschool@gmail.com

HARVEST FESTIVAL

To celebrate Harvest, the children of Stepgates Community School will be performing a service at St Peter's Church, on Tuesday 22nd October. (Please see separate letter giving further details).

We would ask, if possible, for any voluntary donations of non-perishable or tinned food items to be sent in to school with your child, during the week Monday 14th to Friday 18th October. These will be given to St Peter's Church charitable cause, which provides food packs together with help and support for many families in our local area.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and invite all parents/carers to join us for the service at St Peter's Church.

MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER Cont'd...

ATTENDANCE

This year we are aiming for whole school attendance above 95%. Congratulations to all classes for their attendance over the last two weeks. Hopefully we can all avoid the bugs and seek to keep up the good attendance for the rest of this term.

Class attendance for the last two weeks is as follows:

	9th-13th September	16th-20th September
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.3%	97%
Ladybirds	96.4%	96.5%
Butterflies	96.8%	96.8%
Grasshoppers	100%	97.3%
Falcons	97.7%	98.5%
Hawks	97.4%	96.1%
Owls	97.1%	96.5%
Kites	95.8%	97.0%

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

PROUD CORNER

School Council - 2024-2025

Our School Council plays a key role within their classes and across the school. The children become School Councillors by being voted for by their classmates to be their School Council representatives for the year. They have a range of roles across the school. As well as helping with fund-raising both for our school and selected charities, they are also the spokespeople for ensuring the children's views and opinions in our school are heard. They achieve this by sharing any issues, questions or ideas, with Mrs Ford, Headteacher, as well as other staff across the school.

Congratulations to this year's School Council representatives:

Butterflies Class – Ethan and Paisley
 Grasshoppers Class – Lucas and Mia
 Falcons Class – Zach and Rose
 Hawks Class – Alfie and Layla
 Owls Class – Joey and Wonu
 Kites Class – Eric and Victoria

Well done to:

- ◆ Maggie M, Yr 6 - TA Sports Certificate, Medal & Trophy
- ◆ James F, Yr 6 - Summer Reading Challenge
- ◆ Sebbie H, Yr 4 - Beaver Challenge Badges & Bronze Scout Award Badge
- ◆ Piper C, Yr 4 - Cricket Club Ball, Chertsey Cricket Club
- ◆ Stanley F, Yr 6 - Under 10's Cricket Shield & Medal
- ◆ Dakota W, Yr 2 - Singing Shields & Rosettes, Tap/Ballet/Acrobatic Certificates
- ◆ Zachary R, Yr 3 - Football Medal
- ◆ Adewonuola O, Yr 5 - Dance Competition Certificates & Shields
- ◆ Clay H, Yr 3 - Football Trophy
- ◆ Wisdom O, Yr 6 - Chelsea Football Pendant for tournament in Helsinki
- ◆ Archie L, Yr 3 - Sports Camp Trophy

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

OPEN MORNINGS AND OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

We welcome all prospective parents to visit our wonderful school.
Our Open Morning and Open Evening tours will be held on the following dates:

Open Mornings

Thursday 26th September - 9:30am

Wednesday 2nd October - 9:30am

Thursday 17th October - 9:30am

Open Evening

Wednesday 6th November

Between 5pm and 7pm (Last tour: 6:30pm)

Please contact the school office either by telephone (01932 563022) or email (events@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk) to book a space. (If emailing, please specify which date you would prefer and provide a contact telephone number).

All visits must be booked in advance

Is your child in Year 6?

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you will need to apply for a secondary school place **by 31st October 2024.**

Apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Is your child starting school in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place between **4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025.**

Apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

DATES - 2024/2025

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUTUMN TERM 2024

Friday 4th October	Kites Class Assembly (9:05am)
Thursday 10th October	Flu Immunisations - Years R - 6
Friday 11th October	Owls Class Assembly (9:05am)
Mon 14th to Fri 18th October	Harvest donations of non-perishable and tinned items
Tuesday 15th October	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 16th October	Individual School Photographs - <i>Smart school uniform</i>
Friday 18th October	Hawks Class Assembly (9:05am)
Tuesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church 9:45am
Friday 25th October	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Friday 15th November	Falcons Class Assembly (9:05am)
Friday 22nd November	Butterflies Class Assembly (9:05am)
Monday 2nd December	INSET Day - School closed
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan	Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January	Children return to school
Thursday 13th February	Children finish at normal time for half term
Friday 14th February	INSET Day - School closed
Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb	Half Term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 7th to Mon 21st April	Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 12th - Thurs 15th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Thursday 22nd May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Wednesday 21st May	Class Photographs
Thursday 22nd May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Friday 23rd May	INSET Day - School closed
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Monday 9th June	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

FOSS NEWS AND EVENTS



EASYFUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Friends of Stepgates School?

There are over 4,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Etsy, Just Eat, Screwfix, eBay, Argos, Asda and Sainsbury's; the list is huge and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

- 1. Join.** Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stepgates/> and sign up for free.
- 2. Shop.** Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
- 3. Raise.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Stepgates School will be really grateful for your donations.

FOSS NEED YOU

FOSS
Academic Year 2023/24

Friends of Stepgates School

DONATED

- Whole School Theatre Trip
- Easter Eggs
- Swimming equipment
- World Book Day T-Shirts
- Xmas selection boxes
- School clubs & ELSA equipment
- Reception rucksacks
- Yr6 CGP books & Leavers hoodies

HOSTED

- Break The Rules
- Halloween Disco
- Elfridges
- Mother's Day
- School Uniform
- Black Cherry Fair
- Summer Fair
- Cakes & Lollies
- Bags 2 School
- Father's Day
- Pocket Money Sale
- Crazy Hair Day
- Goose Fair
- Easter Disco

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!