



Message from Mrs How:

Christmas has definitely arrived at Steeple. The unexpected volume of snow on Monday brought some challenges and a fantastic opportunity. Well done to everyone who managed to get their children in to school, although I realise that many were absent due to the current round of stomach bugs, temperatures and coughs. With the snow-covered playground and field looking so inviting I explained to the children that we would stay indoors and dry during break and lunchtime but we could all go out together before the end of the day... that way cold and damp children could soon change into warm and dry clothes.

The rules were simple; the field was for snowballs so anyone in that area was fair game and the playground was for snow angels, snowmen and other sculptures. Cue over a hundred children - and staff - running around the field laughing and shouting as they threw and dodged the snowballs. We rarely have such perfect snow for this type of fun and we simply had to take the opportunity while we could. Please see page 14 for some photos, but you will notice that no one was brave enough to stand still and photograph flying snow....

After our successful 'Wriggly Nativity' performances last week, we had high hopes for our KS2 Church Services this week and we were not disappointed. It was so lovely to see so many parents and friends able to join us and share our celebrations.

This is our last Star of 2022, there will be an update letter next week with any additional pieces of information needed before we head into the Christmas break.

Regular articles

Diary Dates	2
Noticeboard.....	3
Starlings (Reception)	4
Robins (Year 1).....	6
Owls (Year 2).....	10
Peacocks (Year 3).....	12
Swifts (Year 4).....	19
Hérons (Year 5).....	20
Puffins (Year 6).....	24

Assemblies & Collective Worship 5	
Community News.....	23

Special features

Christmas Post	7
KS2 Christmas Church Service.....	8
Music Tuition	11
Making memories in the snow....	14
Parish Pantry.....	15
Book ideas for Christmas	16
Pets as Therapy.....	18
Christmas Tree Sponsors.....	25

Steeple Morden C of E Primary School

7 Hay Street
Steeple Morden
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 0PD

Phone: 01763 852474
E-mail: office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Website: www.steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

*"Christmas magic is silent. You don't hear it - you feel it.
You know it. You believe it."*

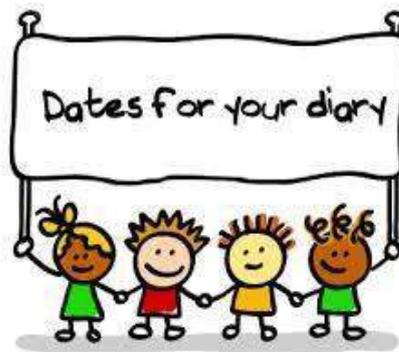
Kevin Alan Milne

School Meal Charges Autumn 2022

Daily:	£2.40
Weekly:	£12.00
1st half term	£84.00
2nd half term	£91.20
Whole term	£175.20

Please make payment for school lunches via Pay360 (formerly SIMS PAY) **in advance of meals taken.**

We are now a 'cashless' school and will no longer accept either cash or cheques. If you need to set up a Pay360 account, please contact the office at office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk



December

- 19th Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th Year 5 family get together
- 21st Last day of Autumn term

January

- 4th INSET day (children not in school)
- 5th Children return to school

February

- 13th-17th Spring half term

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent please advise us on 01763 852474 (Option 1) and leave a message on the absence line or email office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Please don't message via Parentmail as we don't use this aspect of the system and so this won't be seen.

Notice Board

Coughs, Colds and Covid

We are seeing many more seasonal coughs and colds than usual at the moment; all these viruses seem to be with us in abundance after the last couple of years.

Please, please encourage good hygiene practices with your children, reminding them to 'catch' coughs and sneezes; preferably in a disposable tissue, but at least into their hand or elbow.

The NHS offers the following advice on how to avoid spreading a cold:

- wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible

Please also keep an eye out for symptoms of Covid-19, it hasn't gone away and we've had several cases in school recently. Advice regarding this is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Home Time Arrangements

Please ensure that you advise the office by email on office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk by **12 noon** if your child's home time arrangement will be different from usual.

Please also remember that if your child is being collected with another child to let us know; we've had a number of occasions when the office has had to make last-minute phone calls at the end of the day for this reason.

School uniform

Please, please ensure that your child's belongings (uniform, bags, water bottle etc) are all labelled with your child's name. We have a number of jumpers and other items which have been misplaced by their owners which we can't return as they don't have the child's name inside, or have the name of a 'previous owner'.

News from Starling Class (Reception)

Snowy greetings from Starling Class!

What an exciting week we have had in Starling Class this week! We started the week with a snow day! The children enjoyed playing outside in the snow making snow angels, building snow families AND throwing snowballs! They enjoyed being a part of the Ely Christingle service which we watched live online whilst we made our own class Christingle. The children were lucky enough to be invited to attend the KS2 dress rehearsal of their Christmas performance on Tuesday and were brilliant members of the audience.



In class the children were thinking about simple ways to make themselves feel better and how they can help other people feel better and they had some brilliant ideas such as 'taking a deep breath', 'give a hug', 'have some alone time' and 'give someone a smile'. In Phonics we have been reviewing our learning and embedding what we know to apply it to our reading and our writing. In Maths we have been revisiting and applying our Mathematical knowledge and language to situations in our play. The children visited the Church a second time and took part in the Church Christmas service and enjoyed their first school Christmas dinner!



Next week we have the final three days of the Autumn Term, time flies when you are having fun! On Monday the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school. On Tuesday we would like the children to come to school wearing their (warmest) pyjamas ready for a 'Polar Express Day'! The children will be going on a journey to the North Pole via train, have hot chocolate, make some Christmas crafts and watch the Polar Express before "getting back" to Steeple in time for pickup! Please keep your eyes peeled for a Parentmail with more details and permission slips. We will finish our last week with a Christmas Service in Church as a school... we can't WAIT to enjoy our last week of the Autumn Term, let the festivities begin!



We have sent home PE bags to be washed. These can be returned in January, please. A few children still have library books at home, if you could return these we would be very grateful, thank you. Your child does not need to bring their book bag next week. They have created a 'reindeer bag' that contains all of their Christmas creations. This will come home on Wednesday.

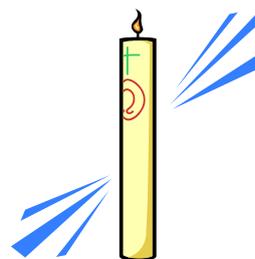
Until next year, we wish you all a VERY merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Mrs Meridew, Mrs Monks, Mrs Brown and Mrs Keech

Assemblies, Collective Worship and Reflection

On Monday we lit the third of our advent candles, the candle of Joy and remembered how the Shepherds were visited by angels promising "tiding of great joy".

We followed this during the afternoon with a visit to Ely Cathedral's virtual Christingle, joining schools across the county in remembering all the elements that make the Christingle. See how many your child can remember.



News from Robin Class (Year 1)

What a lovely week we have had!

Monday afternoon was great fun, albeit with fewer children than we would have liked! The chance to play in the snow with the whole school was brilliant – playing snowball fights (if we wanted to!); making snowmen (or snow dogs!) and making snow angels. The children all went home a little soggy, but happy. During the morning, we started thinking about subtraction by considering 'how many are left'. The children all managed to 'tell the story' of how many there **were**, how many had **gone**, and how many were **left**. We also enjoyed joining the Christingle Service from Ely Cathedral and made our own class Christingle.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a busy morning being Christmas Elves, printing our own wrapping paper, wrapping presents, writing labels, creating toys and making reindeer food. It was a fun-filled time and the children really thought about the skills they already had, developed, or wanted to gain! They then wrote to Father Christmas on Thursday morning to persuade him that they would be good at working for him.



This week we have all met Mrs O'Brien who will be working in our classroom on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from January. She has had lots of opportunity to meet, chat with and work with the children and get used to all of our normal routines.



Thursday's Christmas Dinner was another event where we all felt festive and cheery – telling cracker jokes and wearing our hats!

To help create a bit of a more Christmassy atmosphere in the classroom, the children have also worked hard on paper chain patterns and week-day paper chains! These will come home at the end of term so you can see your child's creation.

We have now taken in all library books and reading books. If you have any stragglers, please send them in on Monday so that we can be all ready for January.

We will take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

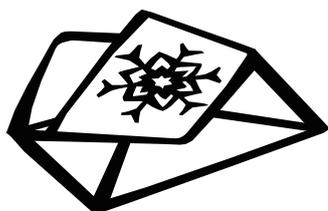
Mrs Bowmer, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Carter



Christmas Post

Our Christmas Post box is now available for children to use - last collection will be on Wednesday 21st.

Could you please remind children to put the class name or year group on the envelope, as well as the recipient's name, to help our volunteer sorters and deliverers to know which child it is intended for?



KS2 Christmas Church Service



How the Nurturing Programme has helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on *The Parenting Puzzle* book and the Nurturing Programme

The Nurturing Programme information for parents and carers

Where:

**Chesterton Methodist Church,
Green End Road, Chesterton,
Cambridge
CB4 1RW**

When:

Tuesdays : 9.30-11.30am
Course dates for 2023:
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January
7th, 21st, 28th February
7th, 14th, 21st March

Contact details:

Contact Ros and Sarah
To find out more or book your place
northcambridgeparentingpuzzle@gmail.com
Phone: 07726 585653



The Nurturing Programme

Information for Parents and carers
How to get the best out of family life



Want to be a more confident parent?

JOIN OUR NEXT PARENTING COURSE

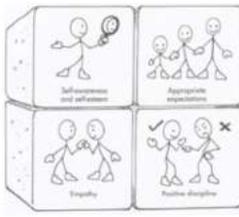
'Parenting Puzzle'

The nurturing programme's 10-week course is **FREE!**

Tuesday mornings (9.30-11.30am)

Chesterton Methodist Church, Green End Road, Chesterton, CB4 1RW

Starting 10th January 2023



Feeling weary and stuck in a parenting rut? Want family life to be more enjoyable?

We'd love you to join us for our 9th Parenting Puzzle course in Chesterton.

With a strong emphasis on praise for you and your children, you'll have the chance to be encouraged, learn, be real, challenge yourself and meet others in the same boat.

Register your interest or sign up by contacting
Parenting Puzzle Course Leaders – Ros and Sarah,
07726 585653 or email northcambridgeparentingpuzzle@gmail.com

Family Links Registered Charity 1062514



Warm Hubs

At the heart of local communities, Warm Hubs are friendly places to help you keep warm and connected this winter. Warm Hubs also offer light refreshments and somewhere to socialise. You can access information on how to reduce bills, find out about additional financial support as well as how to stay healthy and well. Activities and services at Warm Hubs are run by trained local volunteers.

All Warm Hubs are accessible for those with mobility issues. Anyone of any age, background or circumstances can go to a Warm Hub – you can visit as many times as you like and stay for as long as the Hub is open, or you can head off anytime. No need to book, just turn up. For information on local Warm Hubs go to <https://www.haysouthcambs.co.uk/support/warm-hubs/>

News from Owl Class (Year 2)



We've all had a busy and exciting week this week, and the arrival of snow on Monday made for a fun afternoon. The children spent the last half hour of the day outside making snowballs as well as a range of snow people and animals! It was a lovely way to finish the day and everyone (including the adults) enjoyed themselves.

In our English work we have been reading about Advent and continuing on with our work on The Elves and the Shoemaker, we've also written thank you letters from the Shoemaker to the Elves. The children have been working hard on remembering to include the features of a letter which we've discussed this term.

In our Maths work this week, we have completed our work on 2D and 3D shapes and we've used shapes to make a range of patterns with too.



We have now collected the reading books and spelling folders in for the holidays and we haven't set any new spellings this week.

The children really enjoyed their lovely Christmas lunch on Thursday and they've completed a range of fun Christmas activities during the week. They have also made a couple of little Christmas surprises, which they will be bringing home with them next week.

Thank you for all your support this term and we wish you and your children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2023!

Reminders	
Named Water bottle	to school every day please
Reading books and reading record Book	to school every day please
Yellow Spelling folders	In school on Mondays please, ready for the new spelling sheet to be put in it. Thank you.
Spelling Frame	set every Monday
Mathletics	set every Friday
P.E kits in school	in school every day please

With best wishes from,

Mrs Luebcke, Miss Blesic and the Year 2 team

Music Tuition at Steeple

We have been in contact with the Hertfordshire Music Service who are enthusiastic about being able to provide music tuition, either here at Steeple Morden School or at one of their Community Hubs, the nearest of which is in Royston.

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, please pop onto their website to register your interest. The regional director we have been in touch with is positive that, when about an hour worth of lessons are booked for any instrument group, she should be able to find us teachers to come to in school.

Year 4 children have also been given a lovely chance to learn a musical instrument, musical theory and get involved with some singing! On Tuesday evenings - 3:45-4:45 - there is a 'Sing, Make, Play' session in Royston, which has proved very popular. See the flyer on page 15 of the Star.. You can register your interest by emailing: roystonmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk Please don't worry that it says start date September!

Herts Music are working hard to get their website updated as soon as possible to include Steeple Morden in their dropdown menu. Do give them a little while to get it up and running, but keep trying to get registered and we will endeavour to get music lessons going in school as quickly as we can: www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk

Please note that **Piano Lessons** will continue to be provided through **Cambridgeshire Music Service** in school.

Thank you,

Mrs Bowmer

News from Peacock Class (Year 3)

Gosh , what a week!

Well done for those who made it in on Monday, it was a lovely day in school, the children were all excited but managed their excitement well with the anticipation of an 'end of day playtime' out in the snow. (Please see snow day photographs on page 14.)



Although plans needed to change for in the classroom we managed some more script writing for the chocolate room, thinking about the lay out and features used by script writers.

By Tuesday more children had made it into school and we had our final practise for the church service, actually in the church. This went well and the children were all looking forward to welcoming you on Thursday.

Back in school we added stage directions to our scripts and had a quick go at acting them out. In the afternoon we developed our understanding of division by looking at calculations where answers involve remainders, such as 7 divided by 3.

By Wednesday most children were back in school so we made fudge, painted Mayan masks, made chocolate boxes, made boxes for fudge, constructed Christmas cards, and welcomed a new member to the class.

Thursday, (in the children's eyes 'the big day'); thank you for all those who came to the service, the children really enjoyed performing to you and creating memories for this special time of year. In school we enjoyed Christmas dinner and the treat of a Christmas film in the afternoon. We all just about stayed awake but many looked like an afternoon nap would not have gone amiss.





By the time we got to Friday, our aim was to survive the day without upset or incident. Which I am pleased to say we managed admirably. In the morning we were treated to a sneak preview of the 'Rock Steady' concert before solving some Christmas themed puzzles.

I have deliberately not set any Mathematics or Spelling frame, this is to enable people to catch up if needed, or to revel in the knowledge that they are ahead and done all that they needed. (but practise them again please).

Up coming events

- **Monday 19th Christmas jumper day**
- **Next dress up day, (date to be confirmed)** children will be invited to dress as an archaeologist, ancient Egyptian or Howard Carter.

Weekly home activities

- **Reading, please aim for at least 4x weekly** noting what has been read in the reading diary.
- Mathematics and Spelling Frame
- Tackling table practise.

Many thanks

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

From Mrs Seward and Miss Smith



Making Memories



PARISH PANTRY

Local Food Bank



We will be opening a village foodbank in St Peter & St Paul Church from Monday 18th July

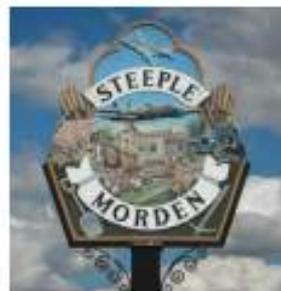
There will be Plastic boxes left in the porch of the church for people to leave their donations in or take required items.

This is open and available to all that need it, whether you don't want to waste petrol to go and buy a bag of sugar, you need a full meal to feed your self, your children, or you have no transport to get to the shops.

If you are in a position to donate items required are:

Tinned Meat, Pies, Veg, Potatoes & Fruit
Cereals
UHT Milk
Sugar
Flour
Pasta
Pasta sauces
Mug shots
Pot noodles
Individual wrapped cakes

Location:
St Peter & St Paul Church
Steeple Morden
SG8 0NJ



For more info:
Sam Carroll
07494 588663
sdcarroll849@gmail.com

GIVE WHEN YOU CAN, TAKE WHEN YOU NEED

Books ideas for Christmas

Are you considering buying a book for a child, but would like some ideas from children of that age about books they like to read? If so, read on! The school council recently asked children what books they've enjoyed reading and these are their recommendations:

Reception	Oi Frog! (Kes Gray & Jim Field); Jolly Postman (Allan & Janet Ahlberg); Snail and the Whale (Julia Donaldson); Books by Julia Donaldson.
Year 1	Leave Nothing but Footprints (Caroline Nieuwenhuis); Zog and the Flying Doctors (Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler); Goal! (published by DK)
Year 2	Beast Quest series (Adam Blade); Never Mess with a Pirate Princess (Holly Ryan & Sian Roberts); Magic Faraway Tree (Enid Blyton); The Snowman (Raymond Briggs); Malory Towers series (Enid Blyton)
Year 3	Daisy and the Trouble with... series (Kes Gray); The Danger Gang (Tom Fletcher); Bear Grylls Adventures series; Choose your own adventure books.
Year 4	Frankie's Magic Football series (Frank Lampard); Scarlet and Ivy series (Sophie Cleverly); I Got This (Cara Mailey & Chrissie Sains); Codename Bananas (David Walliams); Books by Tom Fletcher.
Year 5	Books by Christopher Edge, Paul Murdin, Amy Watson or Percy Jackson
Year 6	Holes (Louis Sachar); Tom Gates series (Liz Pichon); Guinness World Records 2023.



Hertfordshire
Music Service

Sing Make Play

Royston Music School

A weekly programme aimed at year 4 pupils. Led by Alice Hyland and John Lavelle, this group learns to play their instruments in an ensemble setting. Instruments available are violin, cello, flute, clarinet, cornet, tenor horn, baritone and trombone. Instruments are provided free for the duration of the course – 1 year.

The sessions consist of:

Sing – singing fun songs to build on the skills learnt in the other sessions.

Make – learning how music works and composing your own tunes through games and play.

Play – this is where you learn to play the instrument you've chosen. We'll teach you everything you need to know to in order to make an amazing sound. We'll also teach you how to read music and how to play in a group from the very first session.



Please register your interest on www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk

Regular opportunities to play in concerts and, at the end of the first year we hope that you move into one of our junior ensembles to continue your musical journey with us.

Price: £52 a term.

Time: Tuesdays 3:45-4:45pm.

Venue: Icknield Walk First School, Poplar Drive, Royston

For more up-to-date information and to find out about more events follow us on Twitter and Facebook - @HMSRoyston

Follow @HertsMusic



Hertfordshire Music Service

hertsmusicservice.org.uk



Hertfordshire

Pets as Therapy

Dear Everyone

We have really enjoyed coming into school on Thursday mornings again this term and meeting you all.

Monty has enjoyed listening to lots of stories and hearing about what has been happening in school, having cuddles and saying 'hello' to staff and pupils as they pass through the school reception area.

Monty loves Christmas and is very good at unwrapping his Christmas presents (especially if they contain squeaky toys that make lots of noise)! He has worked very hard as a Therapy dog this year, so I think there may be some extra- special presents in his stocking.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Happy Christmas everyone

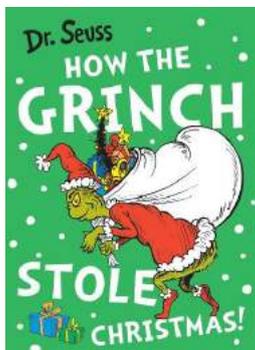
Monty and Tracy



From Mrs Luebcke:

We are very grateful to both Monty and his owner Tracy for all the fantastic support they have given the children at Steepie Morden Primary School this year. Thank you both!

*And the Grinch,
with his Grinch-feet,
ice cold in the snow,
stood puzzling and puzzling,
how could it be so?
It came without ribbons.
It came without tags.
It came without packages, boxes
or bags.*



*And he puzzled and puzzled
'till his puzzler was sore,
Then the Grinch thought of something
he hadn't before.
"What if Christmas," he thought
"doesn't come from a store.
What if Christmas, perhaps,
means a little bit more."*

**Dr Suess
From 'How the Grinch
Stole Christmas!'**

News from Swift Class (Year 4)

This week we have been exploring the concept of division in our maths lessons. Sometimes children confuse the result of dividing a number by 1 with dividing a number by itself. For example, 5 grouped into 5s is equal to 1 ($5 \div 5 = 1$) and 5 grouped into 1s is equal to 5 ($5 \div 1 = 5$). We went through a number of representations to help clarify this misconception.

We enjoyed making the most of some 'proper' snow, on Monday and it was great that it stayed cold enough for the snow to make light fluffy snowballs rather than the half-melted snow we normally get that instantly turns to ice... which is not as fun!

The children enjoyed taking part in the Christmas service on Thursday and have been working hard to prepare for it. Thank you to Miss Smith, who has been teaching the class in Mr Beavan's absence, who has helped with the final preparations.

In our PSHE lessons we have been looking at how to identify worries and what to do with them using the classic book, 'The Huge Bag of Worries'. One message from this book is knowing you can talk to someone about them such as a trusted adult such as parent, grandparent, teacher or leader of an extra-curricular club.

Next week we are looking forward to doing some cooking with a Chinese theme in class. There will be no swimming on Monday 19th, our next session will be on 9th January. The Fitzwilliam are working with us to try and find a new date for the Spring Term for our visit so we are hopeful this will still go ahead, we will let you know the new date as soon as we know.

Mr Beavan, Miss Smith & the Year 4 Team



News from Heron Class (Year 5)

Well Christmas has most definitely arrived in school this week.

It was lovely to see so many of you in Church for our two services yesterday. The children did very well remembering their lines and singing and acting in front of a live audience. For many of them this was the first time they had done so since Year 2. We were very proud of them all.

Back in the classroom we have been busily working on a number of Christmas themed art activities. We have also been

baking and preparing for next week when we welcome grandparents into school.

I think if we were to ask the children about the week however, the highlight for them would be the snowman building and snowballing on the school field on Monday afternoon. Lots of fun was had by all children and adults as you will see from the photos!

Have a lovely weekend.

With thanks for your continued support,

The Year 5 Team.



Smarties Christmas Holiday Club 2022

Thursday 22nd December

Come and get on board The Smarties Polar Express
Create your own Sweet train, golden ticket, train ornaments,
Snow Globes
And lots more fun to be had

Today's lunch

Smarties Christmas lunch with all the trimmings

9am - 1:30pm
£18.00

HAF places
are available

9am - 3:00pm
£20.00

9am - 6:00pm
£30.00

Friday 23rd December

It was the night before Christmas and all though the
house Santa plate, treats, reindeer food, crackers,
stocking were hung by the fireplace with care.....

Today's lunch

Fish fingers and pasta served with peas or sweetcorn
Yoghurts

10 % Sibling
Discount

For more information please email Smarties on georgina@smartiessteeplemorden.co.uk
or give us a call on 01763 852888 Ofsted Number:EY434661

Smarties Christmas Holiday club 2022

Prices

- £18.00 per child → Morning Session → 9.00am-1.30pm includes lunch → Breakfast club is available please speak to a Georgina if you may
- £20.00 per child → School day → 9.00am-3.00pm includes lunch → require this
- £30.00 per child → Full day → 9.00am-6.00pm includes lunch → 7.45am-9.00am £6
- 10% Sibling Discount

A weeks notice must be given for any cancellations and there will be a charge of £15 per child, per session. Any sessions cancelled with less than a weeks notice are fully payable.

CHILD'S NAME _____ I understand that cancellation fees will apply Signed _____

Date	8:30am-1:30pm	1:30pm-6:00pm	9:00am-3:00pm	8:30am-6:00pm
Thursday 22nd Dec				
Friday 23rd Dec				

Christmas Activity Plan Lunch Menu

Thursday 22nd Dec	<p>Come and get on board The Smarties Polar Express</p> <p>Create your out Sweet train, golden ticket, train ornaments, Snow Globes</p> <p>And lots more fun to be had</p>	<p>Smarties Christmas lunch with all the trimmings</p>	<p>Seasonal fruit skewers</p>
Friday 23rd Dec	<p>It was the night before Christmas and all through the House</p> <p>Santa plate, treats, reindeer food, crackers, stocking were hung by the fireplace with care</p>	<p>Fish fingers and pasta served with peas or sweetcorn</p>	<p>Yoghurts</p>

Each day a variety of Christmas arts & crafts, games, bead and toys are always available. There will be plenty of opportunity for outdoor activities. Scooters and bikes are welcome, but safety helmets are required and must be worn. Please provide a named water

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK would like to offer those parents whose children did not receive the vaccine in School the opportunity to attend one of their 'Catch-up' Clinics.

They will be operating clinics on a 'Walk-in' basis and therefore no appointment is necessary.

This is for Primary School children in Years Reception to 6 only

All clinics will be available from 10:00 – 14:00 in the following areas on the following dates. If you require an IM (injection), please contact Vaccination UK prior to the clinic you wish to attend (01480 595047). This will enable them to bring enough vaccines with them on the day



Huntingdon	The Coneygear Centre Butts Grove Way PE29 1PE	10 th December
Cambridge	Trumpington Pavilion Paget Road CB2 9JF	17 th December
Haverhill	Epi Centre, Enterprise Way CB9 7LR	19 th December
Great Yarmouth	Hopton Village Hall Station Road, Hopton Village NR31 9BE	19 th and 30 th December
Lowestoft	Oulton Community Centre Meadow Rd NR32 3AZ	20 th and 30 th December
Ipswich *	Martlesham Community Hall Parish Rooms Felixstow Rd HP12 4PB	21st December 08:45 – 12:45 28th December
Bury St Edmunds)	Blackbourne Community Ctre 71 Blackbourne Road IP30 9GY	28 th December
Peterborough	Nene Valley Community Hall 24 Candy Street PE2 9RE	28 th December
Norwich (East) *	Thorpe End Village Hall Plumstead Road Thorpe End NR13 5BU	28 th December
March	Wimblington Parish Hall Adison Road, March PE15 0QT	30 th December

News from Puffin Class (Year 6)

As well as all the Christmas activities, we have still been working on some Maths and English lessons. In Maths, we have continued to look at fractions. We have been adding and subtracting fractions, then converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. We shall look at multiplying and dividing fractions and converting between decimals and percentages next term.

In English, our new topic is focussed on poems from the Great War and the impact they had on both individuals and society as a whole. We read and discussed poems from Thomas Hardy, Rudyard Kipling and Rupert Brooke. Although the poems were challenging, the children gained a lot from analysing the language, effect and structure of the three poems. The ultimate aim is for the pupils to write their own poem based on some of the poems that they have read, and to look at the language and different poetic features that they could use to impact on the reader. We also watched a very moving advert based on the truce of Christmas 1914 on the western front. See link if you would like to watch it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWF2JBB1bvM> Our aim is to finish this before Christmas.

Thank you to all the parents that attended and helped with the Christmas service at the church on Thursday. The class learnt their lines well and enjoyed taking part in the drama and the singing.

No homework will be officially set for over the Christmas period, however encourage your children to keep on reading and learning their times tables and mental maths skills. Next term we will be looking at non-chronological reports in English lessons and continuing with fractions in Maths.

Thank you for your continued support and have an enjoyable break. See you next year.



Mr Baker and the Year 6 Team



PEDALS

Cycles, Helmets, Accessories

Tel: 01767 313418

Email: info@pedalsbiggleswade.co.uk

72 Shortmead Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0AP



Visit us on Facebook



We would like to thank Pedals, a local, independently run, push bike shop and HC Jewellers for their continuing support for the school and for their kind donations to sponsor the school's Christmas trees this year. (Photos of last year's trees).



HC JEWELLERS
Wish you a very *Merry Christmas*

HC JEWELLERS
& GOLD BUYING CENTRE

Beautiful Gifts
Modern & Traditional Jewellery
Great New Brands
Engagement & Wedding Rings
Watches, Jewellery Accessories
& Much More

www.hcjewellers.co.uk
For our extended December opening times.
Visit our website for more details.

VIxi **fiorelli** **WOLF** **ROTARY**
fredbennett **VURCHOO**

8, High Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9AG, 01763 244705

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWELLERS

**MORDEN
MAGPIES
YOUTH F.C.**

JOIN US!

CALLING FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION &
YEAR 1! THE MAGPIES' SOCCER SCHOOL

STARTS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER 2022!

FITNESS **FUN** COMPETITION

Open to all children in Reception & Year 1 (Sept 22)

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH AT hello@mordenmagpies.co.uk

www.mordenmagpies.co.uk

Litlington Pre-school

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER

JOIN NOW!

**SPACES AVAILABLE
FOR CHILDREN
AGED 2+**

Contact the team today to arrange
a visit!

Call: 07984935193
or email:
admin@litlingtonpreschool.net



Café Church is back!

This friendly café runs every Friday morning 9-11 during term time in Steeple Morden Church

Tea, coffee, home-made cake

Toys and lots of space for little ones

Do join us after school drop-off



CALLING THE NEW YEAR 3s!!

Our team for the new U9 Season is moving to the 7 a side format and is short on players! Please come and join this great little squad!

JOIN US

MORDEN MAGPIES FC

Get in touch at hello@mordenmagpies.co.uk

POSITIVE. EXCITING. FUN!

Community News

Events / Adverts / Messages posted on our website Community Page

Smarties Preschool
Litlington Preschool
Helen O-Grady Drama Classes
MF Tennis Coaching
St Ives Town Football Club Tots Programme
Stage Right Centre for Performing Arts classes
Bonfitness Pilates
French Saturday Club
Multi Active Christmas Holiday Activity Camps
Modern Foreign Languages Tuition

To find out more please go to the Community page on the Website: <https://www.steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk/community>

*“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past,
courage for the present, hope for the future.”*

Agnes M Pahro

Steeple Morden C of E Primary School

7 Hay Street
Steeple Morden
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 0PD

Phone: 01763 852474
E-mail: office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Website: www.steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

