



Message from Mrs How:

This half term started with a burst of colour and a celebratory feel. The children shared their experiences of the Jubilee celebrations and learned more about the life and responsibilities of the Queen. Please see pages 12 and 13 as well as the class pages for photos of the event.

In many ways this was an introduction to **a half term of events**, celebrations and opportunities to gather together. Over the coming weeks parents will be able to come into school and share in the children's learning. This may be a class assembly, a coffee morning in the classroom or a performance such as Rocksteady or our Year 6 production. Some events will have restricted audience numbers so please keep a close eye on the diary page and class pages each week to make sure you know what is happening and when. **We do not intend to record all these events** so please try to attend in person if you are able.

I have seen a few children in school this week with some very impressive **smart watches and data trackers/fitbits**. Please remember these are not allowed in school and should be saved for wearing at home; despite what your child may tell you. Not only is there the risk of damage or loss, because many of these have the ability to record, photograph or capture other data they are in breach of our safeguarding and e-safety guidance. As it is generally impossible to identify which can and cannot record, or the value of individual items we ask that only basic watches are worn for school (although there is no real need for children to wear watches as there are clocks visible in all areas of school).

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"Over the years, those who have seemed to me to be the most happy, contented, and fulfilled have always been the people who have lived the most outgoing and unselfish lives."

HM the Queen

School Meal Charges Summer 2021

Daily:	£2.35
Weekly:	£11.75
1st half term	£65.80
2nd half term	£70.50
Whole term	£136.30

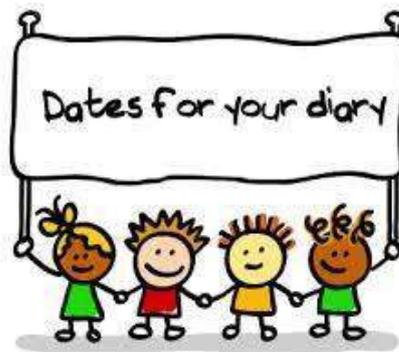
Please make payment for school lunches via Pay360 (formerly SIMS PAY) **in advance of meals taken.**

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@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Absence from School

If your child is absent on a day, please call the school office on 01763 852474, or email office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Please avoid using Parentmail to report pupil absences.



June

- 14th Year 3 1940s dress up day
- 15th New Reception parents' meeting (2pm-3pm)
- 15th Year 6 trip to Stibbington Centre
- 17th Year 4 team building day
- 21st Year 4 assembly (10am)
- 22nd Reception class coffee & play
- 22nd/23rd Book Fair — see page 9 for more details
- 24th Year 3 trip to Bewilderwood
- 28th Sports day - morning
- 29th Sports day - morning
- 30th Year 5 coffee & cake morning

July

- 6th Year 2 class assembly (10am) (tbc)
- 7th Year 1 games morning (9.30 - 10.30am)
- 8th Rocksteady concert
- 12th Year 6 matinee performance
- 13th Year 6 evening performance
- 14th Year 3 coffee & cake (9am - 10am)
- 15th Year 6 leavers' party
- 18th & 19th Year 6 move up day to BVC
- 22nd Last day of Summer term

Save the date: sports day

Sports day will be held on the mornings of 28th and 29th June... watch this space for more details.

Notice Board

Home Time Arrangements

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

It is really important to let us know as soon as you are able to so we can ensure messages get to the class in good time for the end of the day. We appreciate that there are times (ie when stuck in traffic) when it isn't possible to let us know earlier, but we would ask you to help us help you and your child(ren) by advising us with an email either on the morning of the change, or the evening before.

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.

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

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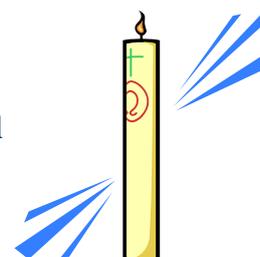
Please don't message via Parentmail as we don't use this aspect of the system and so this won't be seen.

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'.

Assemblies, Collective Worship and Reflection

Our assembly on Tuesday focused on the Platinum Jubilee and the role of the Queen in the national and international context. We talked about her position as Head of the Church of England and how she is guided and supported by her faith. Children were invited to join a prayer of thanks and continued strength for her service to our country.



News from Starling Class (Reception)

Welcome back from Starling Class!

The children began their week with Jubilee fun, they decorated the classroom with art work, talked about their Jubilee celebrations and half term holidays, recreated the '70' flypast from Trooping the Colour and joined in with a garden party.

The children have been learning to compose and decompose shapes in Maths practically and they have been working hard on writing sentences.

We had Miss Webb visit on Wednesday which was lovely, ready for her first full day of teaching next Thursday.

Please remember that due to the changeable weather, children will need to bring in water bottles, sun hats, coats/rain jackets, jumpers and cardigans EVERY DAY. All children will also be required to wear suncream as they spend most of their day outdoors!



Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Meridew, Miss Webb, Mrs Brown & Mrs Keech



News from Robin Class (Year 1)

This week we had a fantastic jubilee celebration on Tuesday – as a class we learned to sign and sing the National Anthem which we performed to the rest of the school. Your children were a credit to you all while we were also watching or listening to other classes showing us their learning too.

Wednesday and Thursday this week have been Miss Waterer's final days of her placement with us. The children have been learning about poetry and learning some mini-beast poems to perform to the rest of the class. We will be thinking more about poetry next week, looking at different types of poems and what they physically look like on a page.

We have also been introduced to our next minibeast in the classroom! We have some ladybird larvae, which we will observe growing, changing and developing into ladybirds over the next couple of weeks. Next week, we will also have a few caterpillars to watch grow, change and emerge as butterflies.

Next week, we are excited that we hope to welcome back the ducklings for a quick visit, to see and measure how much they have grown and see if we can spot any differences in their appearance.

We will have a slight timetable change this half term – PE will be on a Monday morning and a Thursday afternoon, preparing for Sports Day and then continuing with some athletics skills. With this in mind, we are just waiting for a couple of PE kits to come back to school, please.

Please remember to bring in water bottles and sun hats on a daily basis.

Mrs Bowmer, Miss Blesic and the Year One Team





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***Cleaner Vacancy
10 hours per week, £9.50 per hour term time
Starting ASAP 2022***

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated part time Cleaner. There is some flexibility when the hours could be worked and can be either directly before or after school, negotiable 3-5 days per week.

This post may be suitable for someone wanting to work around their studies.

The post holder will join our cleaning team and be responsible for ensuring the building is cleaned to a safe, high standard at all times.

If you are interested in this position, please see school website for further information and an application form. Applications should be sent to Mrs Alisa Lopez-Adcock e-mail ALopez-Adcock@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

We are committed to stringent safeguarding procedures and applicants will be subject to a full enhanced DBS check. Please note, references will be requested prior to interview. As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from all members of the community.

Closing date: 17th June 2022

Interviews will be held: Week commencing 20th June 2022



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Class Teacher Year 1 Part Time /0.3 Fridays plus PPA cover Starting September 2022

We are looking for a suitable candidate who will job-share in our Year 1 class from September. We have an experienced teacher who works Monday to Thursday and also needs cover for PPA time, which can be negotiable.

As a one form entry Primary School, all teachers are expected to take responsibility for at least one subject area, either leading it themselves or working alongside a colleague. Regular attendance at our weekly staff meeting is also expected.

We are looking for someone who
has high standards and expectations for all pupils
values wellbeing and personal development alongside academic success and progress
is able to work collaboratively and with initiative within our strong key stage and whole school teams
is able to actively promote and support our distinct Christian ethos.

This is a MPS position and we welcome applications from ECTs, experienced teachers and those returning to the profession. The school was inspected in December 2016 and judged to be 'good'. We were Inspected in May 2022 and are awaiting our final report.

If you are interested in this position, please see school website for further information and an application form. Applications should show clearly how you fulfil the essential/desirable aspects of the person specification with recent, relevant examples. Applications should be sent to Mrs Alisa Lopez-Adcock e-mail ALopez-Adcock@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Visits to the school are encouraged; please contact the office to make an appointment office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk or telephone 01763 852474

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Closing date for applications	Thursday 16 th June 2022
Interviews	Week commencing 20 th June 2022
Start date	1 st September 2022

News from Owl Class (Year 2)



What a busy first week back in what is, unbelievably, the final half term of this year! The children have really enjoyed sharing their holiday and Jubilee weekend news and were especially excited when a very special visitor appeared on the field at playtime 'on duty.' You will see from the photos on our Jubilee pages that was the first of many surprises and special events on Tuesday!



We have a date for your diary...

Year 2 Class Assembly – Wednesday 6th July 2022 – 10.00am

We would like you to join us on this date at 10.00am in the Hall where we are planning to share with you some of our learning from our current curriculum theme – 'Voyage to the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea.' We would like children to come to school on this day dressed as a sea creature... some brightly coloured clothes could be a brightly coloured fish – we are not anticipating that anyone should spend a long time making elaborate costumes. Let us know if you need any ideas – we are sure the children will have lots of suggestions!



Homework – all homework activities will resume next week (Spellings, Mathematics and Topic Homework). Please continue to send in reading folders every day.

Could all **PE kits** be returned to school after their wash and remain in school all week as our usual days of Monday and Wednesday do change and we do additional sessions particularly this half term. Have a lovely weekend.



**Mrs Luebcke, Mrs Daniels
and the Year 2 team**



BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd June
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Please support our Book Fair - every book sold means FREE BOOKS for our classrooms and library.

Children will be able to look at the books on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd during school time, with parents welcome to look at the books at the above days/times.

There is an option for parents to view the books and pay online - go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

This link is available from 2nd June until 4pm on 22nd June. Our Fair ID is 1216456. You can also pay using the QR code (right).

 TRAVELLING BOOKS



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

News from Peacock Class (Year 3)

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed your extended week and jubilee celebrations.

As you know we started the week thinking about the jubilee, we played a version of 'my aunt went to Paris', only we said I celebrated the jubilee with... and then added a royal item, all of this was in French! We followed this by creating a synchronised dancing display of horses, ready to present to the Queen as part of our afternoon celebrations. This was entertaining for all involved!

Once we reached Wednesday we were back to serious stuff. In English we started our unit of work on interviewing, so far we have considered the difference between open and closed questions and the merits of each. After a little research about life in the 1940s for children we will compose questions to ask two guests who will come into school next week. They were both children during the second world war.

In maths, we have started our work on properties of shape, so far we have thought about quarter turns, clockwise and anti-clockwise, right angles, acute and obtuse angles. Work on shape will continue next week.



In geography, we have located countries on a map and used a key to show if they were Allies or Axis powers during the Second World War.

On Tuesday next week the children are invited to come dressed in 1940s style, we will have a day of activities related to the then government's guidance for 'holidays at home'.

You should have received a parent mail explaining about some activities that can be done at home in preparation for one of the day's activities. Please try to do at least one of the jobs suggested.

Handwriting, in best handwriting copy the poem 'Summer' (right).

Peacock, create a 3D peacock in any medium



SUMMER

In summer when the days are long,
The grass is cool and sweet;
I take my shoes and stockings off
And walk in just bare feet;
At night, how good the water feels
Along the bruises on your heels!

Build a vegetable character—see picture for examples.

Make do and mend

Repurpose an old or broken object into something new and useful



Write a letter

Dear Aunty Helen,

I was very sad that we were not able to come and visit you this holiday, but as you know, Mr. Churchill said we must holiday at home so I have been.....

Thank you for your paperwork and payment for Bewilderwood and sleep over, I will hold a short meeting next Tuesday, 14th (same as dress up day) to run through the day and answer any questions you may have. You can join me in the year 3 classroom at 3.30 or via Zoom; I will send a link nearer the time.



Weekly home activities

- **Reading**, please aim for at least 4x weekly noting what has been read in reading diary.
- Books and diary **must be** in school daily please.
- **Mathletics and Spelling Frame** are up and ready with set work for the children, logins for both are in reading diaries
- **Tackling Tables** practise.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Seward and Miss Smith



How Steeple celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee





We are extremely fortunate that some of Year 3 were granted an audience with the Queen and she consented to an interview! See page 14 to see what Her Majesty said.

Interview with Her Majesty the Queen

Iyla: Did you enjoy the celebrations today?

The Queen: Absolutely fantastic I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the country folk happy and cheering

Lucas: How many corgis do you have?

The Queen: I have had 13 corgis in my lifetime and I remember all their names. I have royal portraits of them all!

Lawrence do you mind me asking what have you been doing for 70 years?

The Queen: I have been talking to Prime Ministers and world leaders and looking after everybody in the United Kingdom keeping morale high and of course looking after my dogs, my horses and my family.

Iyla: Which is your favourite portrait of yourself?

The Queen: It has to be the last portrait of myself with my lovely lovely husband Philip.

Lucas: What is your fondest memory of Prince Philip?

The Queen: Prince Philip proposing to me it was the happiest day of my life

Harlee: What did you most enjoy at our celebrations today?

The Queen: I loved all the processions in the garden party, particularly the lovely caricatures of all the prime ministers; that really made me laugh! I also loved the Trooping of the Colour as this is my favourite so to have a close-up view was most enjoyable.

Lawrence: What colour cupcake did you choose to eat?

The Queen: One of each, of course!

Iyla: Were you worried about if your corgi would behave today?

The Queen: Not in the least! My elite corgi trainers, Morris and Co, are fantastic I never had any doubt the corgis were going to fall into line today.

Iyla: Who is your favourite corgi?

The Queen: Jemima. I love Jemima Puddle Duck too! I hear you had some ducklings, I'm so sorry that I missed them.

Harlee: Did you like the celebration pudding?

The Queen: Yes, it was so much more than just a pudding it reminded me so much of my wedding pudding. Dear Camilla helped me judge she knows what I like: a little bit of Amaretto when feeling cheeky, a bit of crunch, chocolate and some delicious cream is a perfect way to end a Sunday afternoon tea.

Lucas: What did you enjoy most about the Jubilee celebrations at Buckingham Palace?

The Queen: It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to meet Paddington.

Iyla: We saw the film.

The Queen: were you shocked about what was in my bag? It was a top secret! My second favourite was seeing my favourite band, Queen. I particularly enjoyed 'We Will Rock You'.

Iyla: Didn't Brian May perform on the roof of Buckingham Palace?

The Queen: Yes, but he made an awful mess, dear.

All the interviewers: Thank you so much Your Majesty for letting us talk to you today.



News from Swift Class (Year 4)

On our return to school we enjoyed extending our jubilee celebrations – it was great to be outside with other classes and we were fortunate with the weather. Carys and May entertained us by playing ‘God Save the Queen’ as a duet on clarinet and piano and we all enjoyed eating cake! We prepared by using stencils, sponges and even carving carrots (for stamps), to make jubilee prints on our newspaper bunting. One of the more challenging parts for the children was real life measuring; they were calculating how long the string needed to be and how many pieces of bunting they needed to make in order to tie around the quiet area gazebo.

We have been looking at climate change and the green house gasses produced through food production and this has tied in with our work with decimals in maths. In the upcoming weeks we will continue to explore the crumble computers to make more complex code to make the children’s creations move.

I can confirm our team building specialists will be coming to school on Friday 17th. Thank you everyone for such a quick turn around with payments to enable this to happen.

I mentioned to the class this week I would put this link in the Star: NASA are aiming to send people back to the moon and the ‘Artemis 1’ mission is due to launch to prepare for this. It is possible for your name to be included as it orbits the moon – you can do this for free here:

<https://www.nasa.gov/send-your-name-with-artemis/>

There will be a Year 4 Class Assembly that you are invited to (in real life!) at 10 am on Tuesday 21st June.



Mr Beavan & the Year Four Team



News from Heron Class (Year 5)

It has been lovely to see so many refreshed faces back in school this week after our half term break. We have heard many exciting stories of Jubilee parties and get-togethers and hope that you all enjoyed yourselves as much as the children seem to have done.

In Maths this week, we have continued our work adding and subtracting decimals and have practised these operations with numbers with different amounts of decimal places. We introduced the children to a few diverse methods to reach an answer and encouraged them to try them all out and then decide which one makes the most sense to them and concentrate on using that.



In R.E., we have been learning about Hinduism this week. We have talked about the main beliefs that Hindus hold and the children were particularly interested in the ideas of a polytheistic religion and reincarnation. We looked at the many different ways that there are to achieve a goal, in this context the goal was to escape the cycle of birth-death-rebirth which Hindus believe in. Through some remarkably mature discussion, the children were quickly able to see that this idea of individuals choosing how to achieve a goal was relevant to them in their lives too. They were particularly taken with the following Hindu proverb and what it

implied about different religions

‘There are hundreds of paths up the mountain, all leading to the same place so the pathway you take does not matter. The only person wasting time is the one who runs around the mountain telling everyone his or her path is wrong.’



Have a great weekend,

The Year 5 Team



To continue Jubilee celebrations, how about making a summery pudding?

You could try the winning pudding from the 'Platinum Pudding Competition' - Lemon Swiss roll and amaretti trifle, or something else?



Lemon Swiss roll and amaretti trifle.

Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II with this impressive trifle, winner of the Platinum Pudding competition. For this recipe you will need 2 Swiss roll tins, measuring approximately 24cmx34cm/9½inx13½in and a trifle dish with capacity of approximately 3.5 litres/6 pints. However, you could always halve the recipe to serve 10. Go to https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/lemon_swiss_roll_and_42467 for the recipe. For shortcuts to this recipe, see handy tips below.

As a shortcut, you can use ready-made versions for most of the components and just make the Swiss rolls and mandarin coulis from scratch. For the lemon curd, use 300g/10½oz ready-made lemon curd. Instead of the St Clement's jelly, use 1 packet of lemon-flavoured jelly and follow the packet instructions to make 568ml/1 pint. For the custard, use 500ml/18fl oz ready-made custard. For the biscuits, use 100g/3½oz ready-made amaretti biscuits.

Instead of making the jewelled chocolate bark, you can finish this trifle by scattering over the reserved amaretti biscuits, mixed peel and 50g/1¾oz white chocolate chunks.

Alternatively, you could try Jack Monroe's 'Peasant's Pudding' which she calculates costs just 49p per portion to make —go to <https://twitter.com/BootstrapCook/status/1532837530827120640> for the recipe

News from Puffin Class (Year 6)

I hope you all had a restful and peaceful break last week and the children are ready to enjoy their very last half-term at primary school.

This week we have been continuing to focus on our writing. The students have finished writing their own auto-biographies in the week before half term. There were some very honest accounts and some very readable anecdotes! We have now begun our next genre, where we will be focussing on an in-depth book study, leading to the children writing their own adventure story based on the book.



A reminder that the Stibbington trip will take place on 15 June so the children will need to wear their own **old** clothes, which they do not mind getting dirty or wet. We will be planning to wade in a stream and explore riverbanks, so they will need to come in appropriate clothing and footwear (eg: wellies (in a plastic bag) and waterproof jackets). Please place these in a rucksack with their packed lunch and a water bottle. The trip will take place during the school day so drop off and pick up at usual times please. Thank you.





Earlier in the week, we learnt about four and six-figure grid references before we had a go at our own orienteering activity at school. Here are some photos of the class working out the references and studying their maps.

Homework, this week, will only be the usual spellings, which are due back next Thursday.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Baker and the Year 6 Team



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Your ticket includes a free concert by Just Cruzin and a Ukrainian singer, Ukrainian dancing, kids' area with toys, games and face painting. Alcohol and soft drinks, burgers, Ukrainian food, antique plates, and arts and crafts are not included in the ticket price and but are available to purchase on the day.

Contact us on paygulechka21@gmail.com and Baldocks0@gmail.com



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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



Community News

Events / Adverts / Messages posted on our website Community Page

Smarties Preschool
Litlington Preschool
Helen O-Grady Drama Classes
MF Tennis Coaching
Norwich City Football Club community clubs
St Ives Town Football Club Tots Programme
Stage Right Centre for Performing Arts classes
Bonfitness Pilates
Multi Active Holiday Childcare
Steeple Morden Tennis Classes
Herts Performing Arts Summer Stage School

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

“When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.”

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