



Message from Mrs How:

I have been asked by a number of parents about whether we plan to close the school next week due to the heat and Met Office warnings.

The simple answer is 'no'. There are no legal temperature requirements for schools (and if there were we would have hardly been open over the last couple of winters), and all the advice from the DfE and Local Authority is based in common sense. The latest advice from the LA, sent this afternoon, is that they **are not recommending closure of schools**.

On the whole, our inside temperatures are lower than those outside. Some classrooms are warmer during certain periods of the day depending which way the windows are aligned but they are still perfectly inhabitable.

We are very careful about when we take children outside. We are fortunate to have some quite large shaded areas which can be used to have a break from the classroom scenery and we discourage children from too much running around, getting hot and sweaty. We are making sure children drink plenty of water and are constantly nagging children to wear hats. If we have any concerns about the wellbeing of individual children, we will contact parents as we would normally if they were unwell.

These actions are only possible if all children have water bottles in school and hats to put on before going outside. PLEASE make sure you child has both of these every day.

I will have a thorough read through of all the advice and update you over the weekend as necessary regarding any specific plans for next week.

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"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we are curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

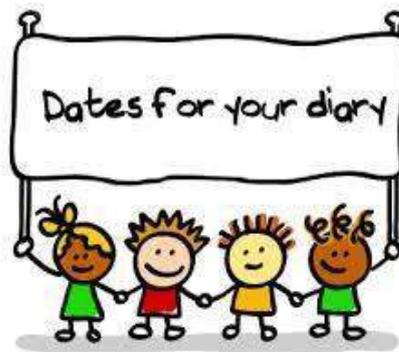
Walt Disney

School Meal Charges Summer 2022

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@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk



July

- 18th & 19th Year 6 move up day to BVC
- 22nd Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9.30am)
- 22nd Last day of Summer term

September

- 1st } INSET days
- 2nd } Pupils not in school
- 5th Pupils return to school (Years 1—6)
- 8th & 9th Reception pupils half day
- 12th Reception pupils in school full time

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.

School lunch pricing— from September 2022

Following the price increases we are seeing in food and electricity we have reviewed our school lunch charges and the cost of a school meal will go up from September 2022 to £2.40.

Notice Board

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

- continuous cough
- high temperature, fever or chills
- loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- shortness of breath
- unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- headache that is unusual **OR** longer lasting than usual
- sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#symptoms-of-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>

Playground

Parents are asked to ensure that their children, whether those who attend school or younger siblings, do not play in the gazebo or on the play structure at school pick up time. This is to ensure everyone's safety and prevent any damage to these valuable structures. Please ensure that once on the school premises, bikes and scooters are walked, not ridden.

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'.

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.

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.

Emails to the school office

When emailing the school office, please ensure you use your child's first name, surname and their class/year group. This means that office staff, particular those who aren't necessarily familiar with all the children's names, can quickly action your message as appropriate.

News from Starling Class (Reception)

Hello from Starling Class!

This week the children have begun their learning on pirates... argh! We have looked at and created our own maps (and treasure), discussed compass points, shared pirate stories and even participated in pirate yoga together!



In Maths this week we have been learning all about money. We introduced the coins, put them in order in terms of monetary value and counted in pennies. We also played toy shops and practiced paying for our own items with our play money.

In Phonics this week, we played games to help consolidate our harder to read (tricky) words. We also practiced writing these words and using them in sentences using our best handwriting.

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 sun cream as they spend most of their day outdoors!

Next week will be the turn of the Purple Grapes and Pink Grapefruit for Show and Tell.





You should have received a ParentMail about our Pirate Pyjama Party next week where we will be celebrating our first year of school. The children can bring pyjamas to wear to the party or even a pirate costume (if you have one), but they will still need to arrive at school wearing their school uniform please.

Don't panic... we have collected in both library and reading books so we can collate and organise them ready for the Autumn term. You will get new ones in September. We have also sent home PE

kits to be washed and sorted ready for the new term. These do not need to come back. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Meridew, Miss Webb, Mrs Brown & Mrs Keech



News from Robin Class (Year 1)

What a hot week...but we have managed to keep fairly cool in our classroom, which has been a blessing.

We started the week looking at the story of Cody the Caterpillar. Our discussions led us to thinking about things that we might have done or thought while in Year 1, that we would rather 'leave behind' (lots of the ideas seemed to relate to Mrs Bowmer being grumpy if she doesn't eat!) and some of the children shared their thoughts, while others decided to keep them private. We scrunched these up and threw them in the bin! Later in the week, we considered all the things we have got better at and wanted to 'fly' with us into next year. The children all create a butterfly with these lovely thoughts and ideas on!

For a little D&T project this week, we all designed a lolly packet, tasted juices to create our own ice lolly and mixed it, ready for cooling down on Friday afternoon! This was a very popular activity with both children and staff!



In Maths we have continued looking at telling the time to the hour and half hour (using both the one-handed clock and for some, using the classroom analogue clock). If you have an analogue clock at home, do talk to your child about how we can tell the time just using the hour hand!

We will be taking reading books in on Monday next week. Please ensure they are returned to school. If you have any library books lurking (or any old reading books) do send them in – no questions asked!



Please continue to send in book bags next week so that we can send things home in a more organised way!

Thank you for all your help and support this year.

Mrs Bowmer, Miss Blesic and the Year One Team



PARISH PANTRY

Local Food Bank



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

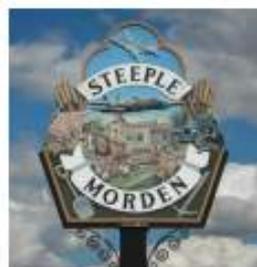
There will be Plastic boxes left in the porch of the church for people to leave their donations in or take required items.

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

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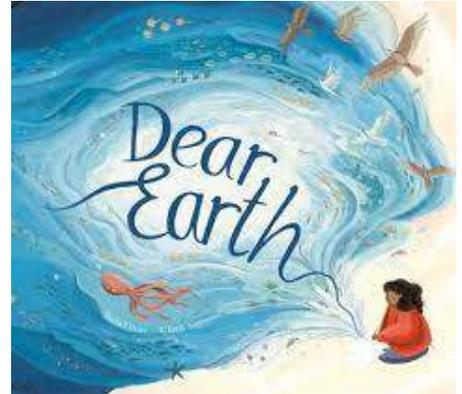
GIVE WHEN YOU CAN, TAKE WHEN YOU NEED

News from Owl Class (Year 2)

As we are writing this we cannot quite believe there is only one more week to go this year in school. The things we have to try and fit in next week are really developing into quite a long list!

In our topic work this week we have been writing a letter to the ocean after we shared the story 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter and Clara Anganuzzi. The class had some very thoughtful ideas to share and we will be adding these to our topic books.

On Wednesday afternoon the children enjoyed putting together all the Spanish things we have covered this year into a booklet which they will be able to bring home for the holidays as they thought they might like to teach everyone at home.



Homework:-

Can all reading books and folders be returned to school on Monday please as we are gathering in all books before the holiday.

Homework Folders – these have all been collected. Please send these into school if you still have one at home.

We will not be setting any homework for next week.

Reminders:-

Please can all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school every day, have suncream applied before school and have a sunhat. Thank you for your help with this.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all next week for a final action packed 5 days in Year 2!

Mrs Luebcke, Mrs Daniels and Mrs Brown



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Join in at
Bassingbourn Community Library
Summer Reading Challenge
 Read amazing Books
 Try some Fun Activities
 Achieve a Medal and Certificate

Bassingbourn Community Library,
 Old School Community Centre, High
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 Thursday 2 - 4.30pm
 and 6 - 8pm
 Saturday 10am to 12
 noon



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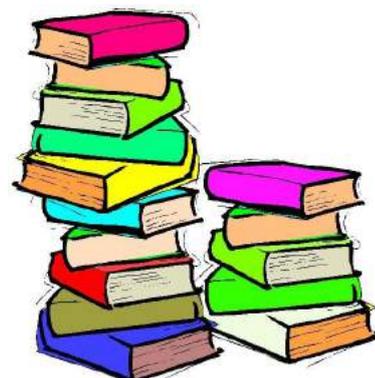
Summer reading

To help us do a book stock take over the summer, please send all school reading and library books back to school on Monday.

The children will not bring any books home from school during the last week or over the holidays, so please continue to read with books from your home or local library.

With this in mind, please take a photograph of any extreme reading you get up to, and send this into school for attention of Mrs Seward, these will be displayed around the school in September.

Maybe we will see you reading up a tree, or in a cave, in a den or upside down on a swing. Wherever you are reading, have fun.



News from Peacock Class (Year 3)

When I sat down to write this week's Star, I really didn't know where to start, I'm not sure if it was because we have had such a busy week, or because every time I thought about how close we are to the end of the term my eyes filled with tears and I couldn't see what I was writing. Consequently, I kept putting it off, then one morning a young peacock, said 'Mrs Seward I've finished my jobs for now, what would you like me to do?'

'Do you fancy writing the Star for me?' I replied in optimistic jest.

After reading the following, I now wonder why I did not delegate this job before. (It helped with not knowing where to start, but made the tears worse!)

In Year 3 this week we have been making booklets about Ashwell's history, its museum and Ashwell now. For this job, we worked in small groups deciding what needed to be included, dividing the writing jobs between us. Once the writing had been completed, we had to work together on the editing to ensure that all group members were happy. We all think these have turned out splendidly, and that our hard work paid off.



In maths we have been doing column subtraction to solve problems we have been doing things like 2,180 people came to the party 372 were girls, how many were boys? Year 3 are starting to understand it and have been working on it really hard.

We all enjoyed having you for coffee and cake on Thursday morning, Year 3 loved showing you their work, reminiscing and laughing about past work and realising how much progress they had made.



Thank you for coming, (and for the cakes, saving us from Mrs Seward's baking), we hope you all enjoyed coming too. Year 3 all want to do it again next week.



My personal highlight from the week, if only for entertainment value, was the national weather forecast told in French! Over the last few weeks we have been learning how to say 'today in Steeple Morden it is...', this week we extended it to 'today in Manchester it is...'. We added a number of places from across the country covering all regions. Once we had perfected this (with the help of Paolo and his mum), we practiced with a partner before making a recording on the iPad.



Just going back to the coffee morning, I sincerely hope that you did enjoy coming in to see the children's work, they have had a very hard-working year and all produced work that they should be rightly proud of, I hope you felt proud of them too.

Sadly, I feel I need to end with a nag. when checking reading diaries this week, it would appear that only 3 children read at home this week and only one of the 4 times. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is to regularly read. ***Please, please, please*** keep reading up over the holidays. Children will no longer have books sent home from school until September, so utilise your home or local libraries.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Seward and Miss Smith



News from Swift Class (Year 4)

This week, we have been looking at position and direction in our maths lessons and using this knowledge to identify features on various maps. We have also been looking at landscapes and how atmospheric perspective means that colours further away can be more muted than those closer to us. These landscapes were made by ripping sugar paper and overlaying them. As we are near the end of term we ran out of blue, which is why everyone's finished piece is at sunset!

We have been learning how to control motors using code we have built and are using this knowledge to build robots as part of our physical computing lessons. It looks a bit complicated at first but as with most things the children realise if we break it down into smaller steps and take it a one step at a time – we can do it!

Earlier in the week we enjoyed seeing Year 6's end of year production. We also took part in our final swimming lesson of this year. The children have enjoyed this a great deal and it has been super to see the progression of the children's skills over the weeks.

Mr Beavan & the Year Four Team



News from Heron Class (Year 5)

In Maths this week, we have moved onto working with two new aspects of shape – position and direction. We are learning about reflecting, rotating and translating (sliding) shapes using co-ordinates in the first quadrant. The children are interested in this work and so are all making good progress.



During the last few days, we have been working hard to finish off a few bits of outstanding Science work before we move on to Year 6. We have been considering reversible and irreversible change and have had lots of fun carrying out a range of experiments with sand, salt, paper clips, vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. When we combined certain selections of these materials, we were able to reverse the change and separate them back out again. With others, when we combined them they created a new material and so the change could not be reversed. We even had a (planned and controlled) look at how carbon dioxide is used by fire fighters to control flames when we produced carbon dioxide and poured it onto a burning flame that was then extinguished.

At the time of writing last week, our Rocksteady concert had not yet taken place. As many of you who were lucky enough to attend already know, our Year 5 bands did us proud and enjoyed the opportunity to display the results of their hard work and practice over the past few months. Well done everyone! Special mention should also go to Jim from Rocksteady who has done such great work supporting the children with this learning, in doing so he has really encouraged their self-expression and love of music and performance.



Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 Team

News from Puffin Class (Year 6)

Thanks to all children for a great production this week. The afternoon performance on Tuesday and the evening performance on Wednesday were a great success – a great effort by all. A particular mention to the children who stood in at the last minute to fill in for those that were absent. Thank you to all those who attended and for all the help at home with the costumes, props and help in learning the script. The photos (sensible and silly) were taken just before the performance on Wednesday.



Next week most of the children, as you know, will be at Bassingbourn Village College on Monday and Tuesday for their move up days. They then return here where they will be taking part in RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons as well as sorting out all their belongings for one final time. On the Friday is the Year 6 Leavers Assembly, we look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the weather.

Mr Baker and Mrs Barbour.



SMARTIES SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES PLAN 2022

BOOK NOW!!

Wk 1 Monday 25th July - Friday 29th July

MON 25TH JULY

FESTIVAL & FUN

Mask making..latino music..limbo dancing..carnival float design

TUES 26TH JULY

MEL'S MAGICAL CIRCUS

Children's entertainer Mel is bringing the circus to Smarties! There will be face painting..juggling..circus skills..puppet making..plate spinning

WEDS 27TH JULY

DAY AT THE FUN FAIR

BOUNCY CASTLE!!..Hook a duck!..candy floss & ice cream making..welly throwing..

THURS 28TH JULY

GLOBE TROTTERING AROUND THE WORLD

7.45AM - 9AM **£6**
9AM - 1.30PM **£18**
9AM - 3PM **£20**
9AM - 6PM **£30**

Make your own passport and take a Journey to: Italy, France, Egypt and Australia to explore their food and cultures

FRI 29TH JULY

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Come and venture into the great outdoors! Den building..campfire & cooking..whittling..forest art

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SMARTIES SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES PLAN 2022

BOOK NOW!!

Wk 2 Monday 1st Aug - Friday 5th Aug

MON 1ST AUG

ALL STAR SPORTS PARTY

All Star Sports are coming in to develop and encourage your child's love of sport.. football..netball.. tug of war..javelin..obstacle relay race and penalty shoot out

TUES 2ND AUG

PIRATES & MERMAIDS

Immerse yourself in the world of imagination..sword making..treasure maps..message in a bottle..chocolate coin making..mermaid tiaras..jewelry making

WEDS 3RD AUG

BEACH PARTY

Pebble painting..sandcastle competition..BBQ..sandy beach..hoola skirts..wear your best Hawaiian shirt!

THURS 4TH AUG

JURASSIC ADVENTURE GOLF TRIP

7.45AM - 9AM **£6**
9AM - 1.30PM **£18**
9AM - 3PM **£20**
9AM - 6PM **£30**

This day trip will be £30 (9am - 1.30pm) and includes coach travel, entry to Jurassic Links Adventure Golf in Melbourne and childcare
*Please provide a packed lunch
*Trip dependant on numbers
*3 years olds to be accompanied by an adult
*£10 for HAF families

FRI 5TH AUG

AQUA SPLASH

Be prepared to get wet! Water balloons..water pistols..water slide and so much more

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SMARTIES SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES PLAN 2022

BOOK NOW!!

Wk 3 Monday 8th Aug - Friday 12th Aug

MON 8TH AUG

ANIMAL KINGDOM EXPERIENCE

Mitch and his exotic animals are coming to Smarties..your child will have the chance to hold animals such as owls..reptiles..even a tarantula! There will be jungle craft making and wildlife cookies

TUES 9TH AUG

BEACH PARTY

Pebble painting..sandcastle competition..BBQ..sandy beach..hoola skirts..wear your best Hawaiian shirt!

WEDS 10TH AUG

NERF GUN CHALLENGE

A fantastic team building day..design your own team flag..create your team base and let the challenge begin. Perfect for improving social skills

THURS 11TH AUG

CREATION DAY

7.45AM - 9AM **£6**
9AM - 1.30PM **£18**
9AM - 3PM **£20**
9AM - 6PM **£30**

Try your hand at pottery making..clay creations..fimo making..playdoh..slime making A fab sensory day working on fine motor skills and creative imagination

FRI 12TH AUG

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Come and venture into the great outdoors!..Den building..campfire & cooking..whittling..forest art

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SMARTIES SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES PLAN 2022

BOOK NOW!!

Wk 4 Monday 15th Aug - Friday 19th Aug

MON 15TH AUG

MAD SCIENTIST

Calling all science enthusiasts..volcano experiment..soda bottle rockets..grow your own crystals..frozen water beads..apple pie without apples

TUES 16TH AUG

AQUA SPLASH

Be prepared to get wet! Water balloons..water pistols.. water slide and so much more

WEDS 17TH AUG

BUBBLE BONANZA

'm forever blowing bubbles!..our bubble day will be full of them..bubble machines..bubble race..bubble tag..big bubbles & tiny bubbles

THURS 18TH AUG

SHEPRETH WILDLIFE PARK TRIP

7.45AM - 9AM **£6**
9AM - 1.30PM **£18**
9AM - 3PM **£20**
9AM - 6PM **£30**

This day trip will be £37 (9am - 3pm) and includes coach travel, entry to Shepreth Wildlife Park and childcare
*Please provide a packed lunch
*Trip dependant on numbers
*3 years to be accompanied by an adult

FRI 19TH AUG

END OF SUMMER KARAOKE PARTY

Let's party and celebrate the summer..dancing competitions..glitter tattoo's..party food..karaoke

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SUITABLE FOR AGES 3 - 11

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

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Children's Kite Design Competition



For children under 11 years

AGE CATEGORIES: UNDER 3 YEARS
3 TO 5-YEAR-OLDS
6 TO 8-YEAR-OLDS
9 TO 11-YEAR-OLDS

Design your kite on a piece of A4 paper or card

*(don't forget to put your child's name and age,
parent's name and telephone number on the
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Post or drop in your entry to our office by 3rd
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This friendly café runs every Friday morning 9-11

during term time in Steeple Morden Church

Tea, coffee, home-made cake

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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!

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Stage Right Centre for Performing Arts classes
Bonfitness Pilates
Multi Active Holiday Childcare
Steeple Morden Tennis Classes
Herts Performing Arts Summer Stage School
Summer Holiday Netball & Athletics Camps
Cambridge Summer Singing School

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

*"If you can't fly then run,
if you can't run then walk,
if you can't walk then crawl,
but whatever you do you have to
keep moving forward.."*

Martin Luther King Jr

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