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Easter 2025 Newsletter

Easter Bingo – Thank You!



Key Dates for Summer Term:

- Monday 28th April - all children return to school.
- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday so school is closed.
- WC 12th May Year 6 SATs week.
- Friday 23rd May - school closes for half term break.
- WC 9th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Test.
- WC 16th June - Sports Week.
- Monday 30th June - Annual Reports sent to parents/carers.
- Friday 4th July - Summer Fair from 3:30pm - 5pm.
- Whole School transition days to new classes - Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July.
- Friday 18th July - school closes for the summer holidays.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who joined us for our **Easter Bingo** event! It was a fantastic evening, filled with fun and community spirit. We are thrilled to announce that the event raised **£552!** This money will be used to support school trips and educational visits, helping keep costs low for all families. Thank you for your generous support!

PE Kit Reminder – Dress for Success!

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers: On PE days, children should come to school wearing the following:

- ◆ A plain blue or white t-shirt
- ◆ Shorts or jogging bottoms
- ◆ Trainers suitable for physical activity

Cropped and sleeveless tops are not permitted. If children forget their t-shirt, one will be provided from the school store.

With warmer weather ahead, we also want to remind you that exposed shoulders are at risk of sunburn. Please help keep your child safe while they stay active!

Outdoor Play Equipment Safety Reminder

For safety reasons, the outdoor play equipment must not be used before or after school. During the school day, these areas are carefully supervised, but this is not the case outside of school hours. We want to ensure the safety of all children. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school environment safe.

In-School Transition Days – Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that In-School Transition Days will be held on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July 2025. This is a great opportunity for children to move up to their new year groups, meet their new teachers, and make new friends. These two days will help ensure a smooth and fun transition into the next school year!

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Mobile Phones – Safeguarding Reminder



A quick reminder that mobile phones are not permitted for pupils in school. If your child arrives with a phone, please ensure they take it straight to the school office, where it will be safely stored until the end of the day. This is an important safeguarding measure to help keep all children safe.

Thank you for reinforcing this rule with your child.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Something for Everyone!

We are thrilled to offer a wide range of clubs and activities throughout the year, including:

- ◆ Drama, Yoga, and Dance (with Urban Kaos)
- ◆ Muay Thai Martial Arts
- ◆ Parent and Child Art Sessions
- ◆ Choir, Flutes, and Recorders
- ◆ Headstart Bronze and Gold Award Clubs
- ◆ Dodgeball, Multi-Sports, and Tag Rugby

We are also reviewing your suggestions from the recent parental survey and looking forward to adding more activities to cater to everyone's interests. Thank you for your ideas!

Walking Home Policy – September 2025 Update

From September 2025, only children in Years 5 and 6 will be permitted to walk home alone. All younger children must be collected from school by a parent or carer each day. This decision brings us in line with the other schools in the Steel River Academy Trust and is part of our commitment to safeguarding all of our pupils. We appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping all of the pupils safe.

Access Ramp Installation – Easter Holidays Update

We are excited to announce that during the Easter holidays, the access ramp between the two playgrounds is being installed. While there has been a slight delay in the process, we sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

This improvement will ensure better access for all members of our school community.

Professional Development (PD) Days 2025/2026

Our school will be **closed to pupils** on the following Professional Development Days in the 2025/2026 academic year:

- ◆ Monday 1st September 2025
- ◆ Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- ◆ Friday 7th November 2025
- ◆ Monday 20th July 2026
- ◆ Tuesday 21st July 2026

Please make a note of these dates in your calendars. These PD days are vital for the professional growth of our staff and to ensure we continue providing the best possible education to our pupils.

Message from the Headteacher

We would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our families for your continued support and involvement in school life. We are so proud of all that the children have achieved so far in the school year, and are looking forward to a great summer term.

Wishing you all a wonderful break over Easter and we look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Monday 28th April 2025.

With kind regards,

Mrs Gatenby

