

# Steam Mills Primary Newsletter

Friday 2nd September

## Welcome to the new school year!

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. As you can see, plenty of work took place throughout the holiday with the new fencing put in place, painting and decorating and of course the wonderful new play equipment. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using it.

## School Uniform

The children have all returned to school looking so smart – thank you for your support with this. To help us keep the right belongings with the right child, please ensure that all uniform, is named! We can then spot loose jumpers/cardigans etc and reunite them with their owners.

## YR and Pre-School

It has been lovely to welcome our new children into the Pre-School and Reception classes. They all settled in well to the new routines and impressed us all! A reminder to parents in the Reception class – the children are entitled to free school lunches. Please make sure that you have registered – a leaflet from the County Council has been sent home with your children today.

## School Development

As a school, we evaluate our strengths and areas of development for the next academic year. Our key areas of continued development this year are: writing (with a continued focus on spelling), reasoning skills in maths and assessment of the key subjects so that we can measure the depth of the children's learning as well as the level that they have reached.

## Diary Dates

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### September

7<sup>th</sup> Class 3 swimming

12<sup>th</sup> Clubs begin

30<sup>th</sup> Macmillan coffee  
- morning

### October

5<sup>th</sup> Phonics evening

7<sup>th</sup> Harvest festival 2.15

13<sup>th</sup> Family photos 8.15

17-28<sup>th</sup> Half Term

31<sup>st</sup> Return to school

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Class 2 Gym

14<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

16<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

## Watches

To support the children with the life skill of being able to tell the time, we are making a small change to the school uniform for children in Years 3-6. We would know like them all to wear an analogue (clock face) watch to school. To help, we are providing every child with a watch which will be given to them next week. Should children prefer to wear their own analogue watches, that is absolutely fine!

## After School Care

This week we welcomed our first 'customers' to our After School provision, receiving great feedback; they didn't want to go home! If you would like to make use of this provision either as a one off or on a regular basis, please let Mrs Harris know.

Please note that now we have this facility, any children left waiting in the office to be picked up after 3.25pm will be taken to the After School Care and charges will apply.

## Value: Care

### Verb:

**To feel concern or interest; attach importance to something.**

**To look after and provide for the needs of.**

**If you have an example of how your child has shown our value – let us know and we will celebrate in school!**