### Steam Mills Primary Newsletter Friday 16th September

### Learning

It has been lovely to spend some time with the children this week looking at their learning. There is a great range of topics being explored and the children are responding well. We are continuing to develop the Thinking Maps in classes and finding that they are a great way to really see what the children are thinking when they complete a task. See below for a new map!

### Scooters

Following a couple of near misses, we are asking the children not to ride their scooters around the playground before or after school. We ask for your support with this.

### After School Clubs

It has been lovely to see so many children attending after school clubs this year – the uptake has been so big that we are now operating a waiting list for spaces on the Wednesday Games and Homework club. If your child does not want to take their place at club, please let us know.

### Good Manners

Walking around the school, the children's good manners have become very noticeable. We see examples of doors being held open for people, offers to help when things are being carried alongside many 'please and thank yous'. Well done everyone!

# Diary Dates

#### September

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

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#### 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		
31st	Return to school	
November		
<b>]</b> st	Class 2 Gym	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening	

- 16<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

### Thinking Maps

Children use a **Double Bubble** map to compare and contrast. Things that are the same link the bubbles and differences are shown on the other side.



## Value: Care

Congratulations to Nola in Class 2 who has been nominated for the Care board. She has consistently shown our value by caring for children at break time who may be feeling alone. Thank you Nola.

### Steam Mills Superstars!

- Class 1 Annabelle, Finley B and Georgia
- Class 2 Elliot C, Mia J and Nola
- Class 3 Alana and Katie
- Class 4 Alexa and Hope