## Steam Mills Primary Newsletter

## Friday 9th September

# Spellodrome

As you will be aware, we are continuing to focus on improving the children's spelling skills in school. Therefore we have renewed our subscription for Spellodrome and are sending out log in details for all children in Years 1-6. This online resource helps your children learn their spellings in a fun way, supporting the more formal teaching of spelling that takes place in school.

# Obesity

The school has received results from the Local Authority regarding the height and weight measures in Year R and Y6 for 2015. Unfortunately, our school is above the Gloucestershire average in terms of the percentage of children who are overweight.

During the summer you may have heard the Government recommending that children do an hour of vigorous exercise a day - 30 minutes at school and 30 minutes at home. Therefore, we have implemented a Daily Mile, where the children are encouraged to run a mile each day with their class and we will also be developing our playtime activities so that the children are a little more vigorous!

To support the children further, please ensure that if your child brings a packed lunch to school, then it is of a healthy balance. We are sending home a copy of the Eat Well Guide whilst more information available on the

following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/obesity-and-healthy-eating

# **Diary Dates**

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### September

12th Clubs begin

30th Macmillan coffee

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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**

1st Class 2 Gym

14th Parents' Evening

16th Parents' Evening

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

## Head Lice

It may be early in the year but head lice have made an appearance in school again! Please check your children's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Please be aware that some treatments are not as effective as others.

## Congratulations!

During the summer holidays, Miss Bland became Mrs Gallop! We all give her and her very lucky husband our very best wishes for their future together. To make things easier for the children who have just got to know her, Miss Band will keep her maiden name for this academic year!

# 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!

# Class 1 Georgia and Riley Class 2 Elliott and Oliver Class 3 Callie, Lincoln, Riley and Theo Class 4 Alex and Josh