

8th January 2019

Welcome Back



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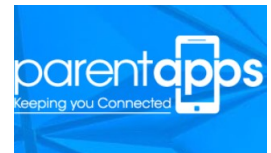
We hope all our families had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are all looking forward to the Spring term, with the nights and mornings getting lighter.

The school website is continually getting updated. Staff are ensuring they upload new content and update their class pages. The school blog also has regular updates on the value of the week and reminders etc. Please check it out.
www.steppingstones.lancs.sch.uk



Stepping Stones Short Stay School
"small steps into giant leaps"

We have lots of exciting things that will be taking place this term. We will be launching a new app for parents. This app is called 'Parent Apps' and will be available to download for free. You will be issued with further information on how you can link into the app. The app is mainly to send messages to the office, we will be going paperless in terms of our letters and everything will be done via the app. It means forms can be completed via the app and sent straight into school.



Class Dojo will continue as a way of sharing your child's work and successes.



Our Values For this Half Term

- Week 1: Respect
- Week 2: Trust
- Week 3: Thoughtfulness
- Week 4: Appreciation
- Week 5: Friendship
- Week 6: Kindness

Curriculum Enrichment and Theme Days



The School of Military will be working with Y5 and 6 every Monday for the next 12 weeks.

Week Commencing 28th January will be focussed on Maths.

5th February is Safer Internet Day

5th February is Chinese New Year

In Elm Class their topic is...



Explorers into Space

In Maple Class their topic is...



Ancient Egypt

In Oak Class their topic is...



WW2

In Orchard Class their topic is..



Space and The Solar System

Welcome Back Reminders

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

Remember to let the school office know if your child is ill.

Letters will be sent home this term to update you on your child's attendance.

MOBILE PHONES AND COMMUNICATION OUT OF SCHOOL

It has been brought to our attention that many children have new electronic devices. E.g. Mobile phones, consoles with chat facilities etc.

Although we encourage our children to make friendships we are also concerned about their safety. We expect that our parents / carers are ensuring their children are kept safe online, via mobile apps and electronic devices by ensuring parental monitoring and controls are in place.

In line with Lancashire county guidelines, our rules around mobile phones / electronic communication are the following:

- Mobile phones should be kept at home.
- Use of SMART watches as a watch is acceptable, however if causing a distraction or present a safeguarding issue then staff will ask for the watch to be removed and remain at home.
- Children should not give out personal details such as phone numbers etc. (Children are taught this within the school curriculum)
- Social Networks / Chat and Apps all have age restrictions and we would advise our parents to follow these in order to safeguard the children.

13 years	14 years	16 years	17 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter • Facebook • Instagram • Snapchat • Pinterest • YouTube (with parental consent) • Google + • Tumblr • Reddit • Ask FM • Musical.ly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LinkedIn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whatsapp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vine

For further advice and guidance on using the digital world safely please contact Micaela Armstrong who will be able to provide you with further information.