

24th April 2019

# Welcome Back



Welcome Back,

We hope all our families had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy the lovely weather we have had. The Summer term should be fantastic, with lots of curriculum developments and hopefully some great trips ahead!

## STEPPING STONES REMAINS AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

The school and staff had a very busy Spring term and we are extremely proud of the outcome of the school Ofsted Inspection. It was great to be able to share the news with you on the last day of term. The full letter and findings are on our school website. We won't be sitting still! We are always finding new ways to improve and develop to ultimately ensure your child receives the best opportunities and outcomes.



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

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](http://www.steppingstones.lancs.sch.uk)

Parent App has been launched and during this term we aim to be using it more. For all our parents who are signed up already, can we ask you to complete the permission forms to update our system.

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: Honesty**

**Week 4: Tolerance**

**Week 5: Tolerance**

### Curriculum Enrichment and Theme Days

We are celebrating NEURODIVERSITY in April–May.

We recognise that all our children are Superhero's. They all have the power to overcome difficulties, to be positive and to be wonderful! Continue to check Class Dojo for all up coming celebration.

**Summer Open Afternoon & Fair**

**PLEASE GET THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY**

**10th July 2019 from 1:30 onwards**

In Elm Class their topic is...



The Great Outdoors

In Maple Class their topic is...



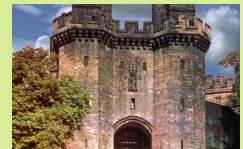
Chocolate

In Oak Class their topic is...



Bella Italia

In Orchard Class their topic is..



History of Lancaster

# Welcome Back Reminders

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 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.



### School Uniform Reminder

Over recent months the standard of uniform has slipped.

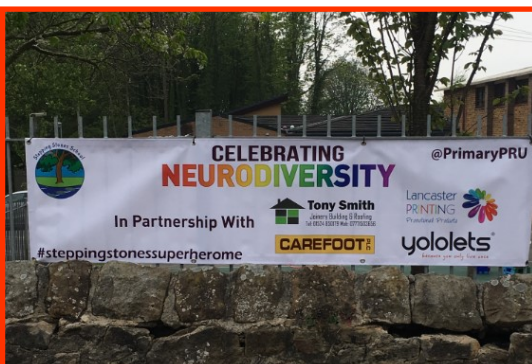
The uniform expectations are...

- White polo / plain t-shirt ( can be Stepping Stones / or mainstream school one with logo or plain t-shirt)
- Grey / Black shorts, skirt or trousers ( Can include soft grey/ black jogging bottom / jersey short for children with sensory difficulties)
- Navy Blue jumper / cardigan / mainstream school jumper / cardigan or Stepping Stones jumper.
- Black school shoes or black light weight trainers. No heavy footwear or boots.
- Children need a change of clothes for PE, sports activities and this should include a change of footwear. PE kits are available in school for all children, however footwear is not provided. Can all parents ensure children have a change of footwear for PE activities.
- We are going to be carrying out a review of the school uniform as we are finding more children with sensory difficulties. We aim to have this completed by the end of the Summer term and this is why we have relaxed rule regarding soft tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. No other coloured trainers or footwear should be worn.

ADDITIONAL T-SHIRTS AND JUMPERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE, IF REQUIRED.

### Staffing Changes

Mr Redmile (Maple Class Teacher) decided to leave Stepping Stones in March 2019, this was due to family circumstances. Maple Class will have Mrs Wendy Connor continue to teach them. Mrs Connor took over the class on a temporary basis in February. The class had a very positive half term, she is continuing to work at Stepping Stones until the end of the Summer term.



We thank our sponsors for supporting us with Neurodiversity celebrations.

Neurodiversity is a range of conditions that can affect people in different ways. ADHD, Autism, dyslexia, dyscalculia can all be barrier for our children to overcome.

We are celebrating the individuality and how all our children are super hero's. They can use any difficulties and make them their strengths. We are teaching the children to be aspirational, to be positive and believe in themselves.

The sponsored silence will take place on he 25th April and watch out for further events.