



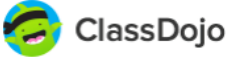






LEARNING NEWS

WEEK 14TH SEPTEMBER

<p>Value of the Week</p> <p>Kindness</p>  <p>inspire kindness</p>	<p>This week's Value is Kindness</p> <p>Kindness is one of our core values. The children will be practising and reinforcing this value throughout the week.</p> <p>Mrs. Greenwood is continuing to make our values video each week. We will post the link on Dojo in order for you to see and reinforce the value at home.</p> <p>Please remember you can message in values nominations from home. Let us know if your child has shown kindness at home.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/AXG8D5s-gjk</p>
<p>Curriculum</p> 	<p>All the children are doing well in school. We are in the process of re-assessing all of the children in order to identify their next learning steps and ensure they make progress.</p> <p>In line with the Department of Education (DFE) recommendations, we have to have a robust home learning policy in place, in case a child has to isolate for 14 days or in the event of a partial or full closure of school.</p> <p>I posted the link to this last week. The full details can be found at https://www.steppingstones.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/HOME-LEARNING-STRATEGY-2020.pdf</p> <p>We are ready to continue to support your child and their education through any isolation periods, local lockdowns, partial or full closures. We continue to ask you to support the school in doing this.</p>
<p>COVID- 19 Update</p>  <p>Keep safe</p>	<p>We do have further data which indicates that cases are rising in our local area. However, it is difficult to make comparisons now the testing process is in place.</p> <p>Miss Meacham sent home an update last week of signs and symptoms to look out for. Obviously, your family's safety and our safety continues to be our priority. If someone in your household or child has signs and symptoms of COVID -19, they should not come to school until there has been a negative test result and once illness has subsided.</p>
<p>Lunches and Snacks</p> 	<p>We are supplementing the school meals from the kitchen at Moorside. We are finding many of the children are not enjoying the school lunches. Perhaps this is due to the current menu or some of the children have specific tastes, routines and foods that they like or dislike. We are trying to address this and are looking at how we can improve this.</p> <p>If your child has specific dietary requirements or allergies the school office needs to know.</p>

<p>Class Dojo</p> 	<p>We just wanted to remind you that the behaviour reports and daily communication is taking place through the Class Dojo app. We therefore are asking that you check the app daily in order to support the class teachers, provide praise, reassurance and support for school at home.</p> <p>Do ring the school office if you wish to discuss things further with the class teacher.</p>
<p>Serious Incidents / Behaviour Incidents</p> 	<p>In the previous two newsletters we have outlined how we have changed the behaviour policy. So far, we have had very positive experiences with the vast majority of children following the rules of safety, respect and learning.</p> <p>The DFE has outlined that staff have the right to feel safe in school and that harmful behaviour such as hurting, spitting, continually breaking the safety rules and presenting a risk to public health e.g. through purposeful spitting is an offence that can result in exclusion.</p> <p>We are a school that wants to prevent having to use exclusion as a means of consequences. However, we are outlining that without the support of parents / carers and if a child does persistently present a risk to other children or staff through acts that put others at risk, and go against public health guidance, then we would be using exclusion as a way to re-evaluate the risk assessments and review the provision offer.</p> <p>We are all aware of the low risk of transmission between children to adult, however spitting, assaults and aggression are not acceptable in any circumstances. As a staff team we understand genuine anger, frustration etc. However, it is unacceptable as a purposeful, controlled reaction to staff or other children.</p> <p>In order to keep school open, we need fit, healthy and happy staff! So far, everyone is really committed to getting everything right for your children. Please support us through these challenging times.</p>
<p>Pupil Reviews</p> 	<p>Mrs. Davies will be contacting parents / carers this week to arrange online reviews.</p> <p>We will set a date and time and send you the link to the meeting. You will be able to access the meeting from your phone, tablet or laptop.</p> <p>We will aim to have paperwork sent to you prior to the review, in order to discuss your child's progress and next steps.</p>
<p>We continue to thank you for your support, engagement and positivity as we get back to the new normal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Have a lovely week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones School</p>	