






LEARNING NEWS

WEEK 21ST SEPTEMBER

<p>Value of the Week</p> <p>Kindness</p> 	<p>This week's Value is Kindness</p> <p>We are continuing to work on kindness this week. We tend to have two weeks on each value.</p> <p>There were lots of positive nominations in school last week. The children who show the value earn the value band. Hopefully, your child will have received one on Friday or the coming Friday.</p> <p>Mrs. Greenwood has focused this week on showing kindness to the world.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/zanhTuU70c0 Please click on the link to the video of the week.</p>
<p>Learning Links</p> <p>Teacher Catch Up Sessions</p> 	<p>We are introducing a termly online meeting with the class teacher for every parent. These will need to be booked in advance and more information will be shared this week.</p> <p>This will give parents / carers and teachers to have a face to face on-line meeting and discuss the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Child's progress in all subjects e.g. Strengths and areas of development○ IEP targets and progress made against them.○ Assessment data○ Provision in place for the child○ What is working and what are the identified next steps○ Talk through topics, learning etc and how they can provide support at home. <p>For some of our older children they may be able to where appropriate join the meeting.</p> <p>We are keen to provide these regular educational updates. It will mean that you will get a regular formal update with the teacher alongside key educational reviews.</p>
<p>COVID- 19 Update</p>  <p>Keep safe</p>	<p>As we head into our local lockdown we are continuing to do everything we can to keep school open. So far, we have had no suspected COVID cases in children or our staff team.</p> <p>We are seeing normal seasonal colds, runny noses and sore throats. We are aware that the children will be more susceptible to mild illnesses as they have not mixed with other children for some time and their immune systems may be weaker. We continue to be making risk sensible decisions and appreciate the support from our families. If you suspect your child to have a cold then we ask you to make a sensible decision. If it has just started and they are heavily congested, sneezing, shivery receiving paracetamol, we would ask for you to keep them off for the first few days and then as soon as symptoms lift they need to be back to school.</p> <p>We are aware of some schools having positive COVID cases within children and their 'bubbles / year groups are closed. We will only close a bubble / pod if a child or adult tests positive as outlined in the Government's guidance for self-isolation.</p>

Lunches and Snacks



We are pleased to welcome Bev back to our school this week. She is our lunch guru who gets to know all the children and knows their likes and dislikes. We have a new menu which I have posted on Class Dojo and we will continue to review this.

The children loved some of our specials last week...

Miss Meacham's Bagel bread and butter pudding and Mrs. Dodd's banana and chocolate chip bread.

The soups have also been very popular as have Miss Glover's Cheese toastie with spaghetti hoops.

We are continuing to reduce food waste therefore using the breakfast provisions and excess of fruit to create additional meals and snacks for the children.

We are in the process of evaluating our lunch menu as well as looking for grants and funding to establish our own kitchen area and possible cook for April 2021.

I am aware that teachers have posted that children need a water bottle with them in school. This was outlined in the summer packs. We need every child to have their own water bottle from home.

Parent App



We are currently in the process of updating everything on Parent app and over the next week you will receive messages asking you to complete new academic year forms and permissions.

We continue to thank you for your support, engagement and positivity. Everyone is working really hard in school to provide the best support for your child.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs. Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones School