



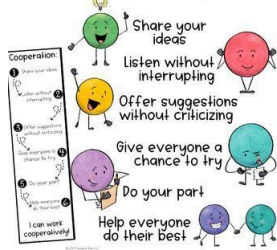
LEARNING NEWS

WEEK 19TH OCTOBER 2020

The Value of the Week

Cooperation

Groups Cooperate



This week's Value is cooperation.

We have had some great values' nominations over the past few weeks. It has been wonderful to see the vast majority of children showing respect, trust and kindness. We are all 'tolerating' the many changes around school. I am sure we will have some wonderful nominations this week.

Thank you to the parents that have also messaged in value nominations from home.

For Mrs Greenwood's video please click on the link

<https://youtu.be/uHBUy1KAHxM>

Half Term



School will close at 2:45pm on Thursday 22nd October 2020.

Friday 23rd October - 1st November is Half Term

School re-opens to children on Monday 2nd November 2020

COVID- 19 Update



Keep safe

As you are aware as from Friday 16th October Lancashire moved into tier 3 restrictions. Schools continue to remain open and we have a range of measures in place to make every effort to protect your child, staff and visitors to school.





We updated our COVID risk assessment last week and published this on our website.

The COVID cases are significantly increasing in the local area. It is a really tricky time for schools and I am sure you are aware of many closures of classes in the area as staff and/or children are testing positive for the virus.

I wanted to inform you that if we have a suspected case within the staff team we may have to close temporarily whilst we take advice from Public Health England and until we can identify the close contacts that would be required to self-isolate.

We also need you to be vigilant at home and if you suspect your child is ill, is showing one or some of the main symptoms e.g. loss of smell and taste, high temperature, persistent cough, then you should keep your child off, inform school and get a test. Your child should not return to school unless the test is negative or after the 14 day period.

If we do have to put in place a temporary closure and inform you to isolate your child then this will initially be done via a text message from the Parent App system / message via dojo. It will then be followed up with a phone call and an official letter will also be sent out.

	<p>We are therefore asking all parents to ensure they are logged onto the school communication platforms, class dojo and parent app. Mrs Davies will be following this up during the week to ensure all contact details are up to date.</p>
<p>In the event of a school / bubble closure – REMOTE LEARNING</p> 	<p>There is an expectation from the Department of Education that if school did have to partially or fully close all children that are fit and well should be accessing Remote Learning.</p> <p>In the first instance we would get a pack of work to you as we did during 'lockdown'.</p> <p>However, we also need to know about access to computers, laptops, tablets. I am therefore going to create an online survey on Parent App and get this to you during the week. We may be able to secure some additional laptops in order to ensure your child can continue to learn and join online teaching sessions</p> <p>There is an expectation from the Government that children do access learning and that some of this is done online. E.g. Teaching sessions via Microsoft Teams or another platform.</p>
<p>Internet Safety</p> 	<p>We will continue to post information about different online platforms on Class Dojo to support online safety.</p> <p>Again, in the event of a partial closure or full closure there will be an expectation that your child will be engaging in online learning and not 'gaming' all day.</p>
<p>School Fundraising Halloween Day</p> 	<p>On Thursday 22nd October we will be holding a non-uniform day. We would request the children make a donation of £1. The children can wear a suitable Halloween costume if they wish or their own clothes. We would ask for some of the more adult (scary) costumes to be avoided as we do not wish to frighten some of our younger children. There will be a range of activities taking place in school e.g. biscuit decoration, arts and crafts etc.</p>
	<p>Just a gentle reminder – though the weather is gradually getting colder now, we are of course continuing to ensure all of the children get plenty of fresh air through the day. Please ensure your child is coming to school with a coat and jumper.</p>
<p>Thank you for all your hard work and support. We hope you manage to have a happy half term.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Have a lovely week, Mrs. Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones School</p>	