



LEARNING NEWS

WEEK 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

The Value of the Week

Respect



This week's Value is **Respect**

This half term Ms. Sheron will be providing our weekly value video. This week we are focusing on respect and how we can show respect to adults.

https://youtu.be/vazUXvti_gI

Watch out for further information on class dojo this week and please send in your home nominations to the class teachers.

COVID- 19 Update







Keep safe

From Thursday 5th November to Wednesday 2nd November (at the earliest) we are all going to be under a further national lockdown. This will mean that nobody should be mixing with any other households, unless for childcare or a support bubble.

During this lockdown school will remain open as long as it is safe to do so and ensuring we have no positive cases within our school.

We are taking additional measures to keep school safe for all. Therefore, from the 3rd November we are implementing the following.

- **Only key emergency visitors are able to come onto site. (e.g. emergency repairs, water testing, NHS staff for key work with children)**
- **School have stopped any visitors that are working across two establishments. E.g. Supply staff, catering staff etc. IT visits are to be emergency only visits.**
- **Staff are wearing face coverings, aprons, gloves when prepping breakfast, snacks and serving food.**
- **Staff will be wearing a face covering when collecting children from the vehicles and when bringing the children out at the end of the day.**
- **Parents who collect children are requested to wear a face covering if they are having a close contact conversation with staff.**
- **Additional cleaning is taking place by all staff and our new housekeeper throughout the vast majority of the school day.**
- **As we all will be limited to coming to work and going immediately home, we are encouraging all staff to leave school promptly in order to support their well-being and to be able to enjoy the last hour of daylight. This will enable them to carry out exercise regimes and to support our staff team's mental health. Therefore, all phone calls will be carried out promptly and staff will have to follow up the school day with parents the following day if required. This will mean that there will not be anyone in the school office after 3:30pm. All enquires should be put in an email to office@steppingstones.lancs.sch.uk or leave a message to follow up on.**

<p>REMOTE LEARNING</p> 	<p>Already we have had a few children that have had to move to some remote / home learning activities as they have been identified as close contacts and are on self-isolation.</p> <p>We have plans and work in place and will support children and families during isolation periods.</p> <p>If we have to close a bubble we also have remote learning in place. The expectation is that children need to continue working at home and we will support you as much as we can to do this.</p>
<p>Preparing for Christmas</p> 	<p>Christmas is going to be very different this year. We will not be having a Christmas open afternoon. However, we will be looking at how each class can do a little something, record it and share it with you remotely.</p> <p>We will try our hardest to still have lots of Christmas fun in school and we are aiming to do some Christmas fundraising towards the end of November and beginning of December.</p> <p>We are going to request that children do not send Christmas Cards this year. We will work with the children at designing an e-card in school that they can send. This is because anything that comes into school has to be quarantined and we could not run the risk of transmitting infection across households.</p>
<p>Well Ventilated school = cold school</p> 	<p>We are advised that one of the most effective ways to reduce transmission is through ventilation and therefore we are keeping classroom windows open as much as possible. Our heating will be on of course and classrooms do warm up with children in but there will be days when we will all still feel chilly.</p> <p>We therefore suggest that the children come to school in layered clothing. Thermal base layers could be worn, tops under their t-shirts etc. We also need the children to have sturdy shoes that will withstand the wintery weather.</p> <p>Scarves, hats and gloves are also advised for outdoor activities.</p> <p>Please ensure your child has a suitable winter coat every day in school. Teachers will send out reminders if your child needs wellies for outdoor activities.</p>
<p>Behaviour Tokens</p> 	<p>We have added to our behaviour system. Many of the children were wanting to save their tokens up for a bigger reward. Therefore, this term we have introduced.</p> <p>20 tokens = 1 coin.</p> <p>The coin will never be taken away once they have it in their jar!</p> <p>The reward boxes are now:</p> <p>1 coin or 20 daily tokens, 5 coins or 10 coins</p> <p>This will encourage the children to save, have aspirational goals and work for a larger reward.</p>
<p>We envisage the next half term to be tricky with the current COVID situation around us although we will continue doing the best we can possibly do! Have a lovely week.</p> <p>Mrs. Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones School</p>	