



AUTUMN TERM

1ST NOVEMBER 2021

Values at Stepping Stones

The Value of the Week is Respect

We have come back to one of our core values, RESPECT. This week we will be going over our school rules of

Respect, safety and completing learning to a high standard.

The children are recognised throughout the school day with the use of positive people cards and verbal praise for showing the school's expectations.

Please promote respect at home by encouraging your child to have good manners, speak kindly and respectfully to everyone, treat property with respect and manage big emotions in a safe manner.



We did not have Star of the Week in the last week. However, we will be focussing on this during the week and looking for children who go above and beyond.

We will be introducing the school role model team this half term. This is a group of children who consistently show the school values and will be part of making decisions about improving the school and supporting new children settling into the school.

COVID Updates



During the October half term, I was informed of several positive COVID cases from within our school community. The time frame meant that no one was traced from school as close contacts. The number of positive cases continue to be high in our localities.

The current symptoms experienced by people testing positive are very similar to a heavy cold. E.g. stuffy nose, sneezing, headache, muscle aches, fever, sore throats, coughing (which appears later) and loss of taste and smell.

Whilst the NHS still says the main three symptoms are a cough, temperature and loss of taste and smell. We have had lots of known cases which have appeared to be as I have stated above.

We therefore are asking you to be extremely vigilant around childhood illnesses. I am aware that some parents are using the lateral flow tests. However, the guidance does state for children who have symptoms, then a PCR test is required.

If you do send your child to school and they present with symptoms then we will be asking you to collect and seek a PCR test in order to keep our school community functioning.

As you are aware, we have a very limited staff team and supply staff do not work for our pupils. Therefore, it is important to keep our staff team as healthy as possible in order to prevent staff absences which impact on the children's education and ability for the school to function.

Warm Clothing and Outdoor Coats



As we move into the colder months we are still expected to keep the classrooms well ventilated. Therefore, children need to be in appropriate clothing and may need layers. E.g. long t-shirts, jumpers, suitable footwear etc.

We will continue to keep the children busy outside over the week and into next half term.

It is really important that every child has a winter coat coming into school every day.

Hats, scarves and gloves will also be required as we head into winter.



Miss Parker who works in our KS1 class will be leaving us on Friday 5th November. She has worked at the school for several years.

We have recently advertised our teaching assistant posts and have recruited. Miss K Stephenson will be joining the team in Oak Class from the 1st November. We are hoping for another staff member to join us later in the term.

Christmas Preparations



We have already made the decision that we will be holding all our Christmas events remotely again this year.

We are planning a recorded Christmas Carol Concert and will be planning a Christmas raffle.

Please watch out for further information.

Diary Dates

Christmas – New Year Closures

School Closes on Thursday 16th December 2021

School Opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Thank You for your continued support.

Have a good week

Mrs Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones