



# AUTUMN TERM

11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

## Values at Stepping Stones

### The Value of the Week is Tolerance

We are continuing to teach and show the value of Tolerance this week. Please try to allow your child some opportunities to show tolerance at home.

You can promote this value at home and message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination which will be read out and celebrated at Daily Meeting. We have received some great nominations from the taxi's and passenger assistants.

**Remember tolerance is accepting everyone for their individuality and differences and learning to tolerate changes and things we could sometimes find challenging.**



We have reintroduced our Stars of the Week. Prior to COVID we celebrated children that had worked exceptionally well showing our three main rules – Safety – Respect and Learning to a high standard.

Stars of the week receive a trophy to look after for the week, they are given special privileges for a whole week. The awards go to children that have demonstrated role model behaviour consistently.

#### Our Stars of the Week

**Elm Class** – Theo for showing determination and giving new things a go.

**Maple Class** – Nathaniel for keeping safe and using his strategies.

**Oak Class** – Kyle for a positive attitude to learning and school.

**Orchard Class** –

#### World Mental Health Day



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October was World Mental Health Day.

We will be running a range of activities in classes and across the school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to promote positive mental health and well-being.

We will be encouraging the children to be physically active, to learn about relaxation strategies and to speak up when they are not feeling ok.

#### Community Police Visits to School



We are due to have our local policing team visit the school. This is part of our positive community links. We will also be encouraging the policing team to speak with our older children about taking responsibility for their actions.

As outlined last week we have had a minority of children who have caused significant damage to the school and have assaulted staff. Despite the children's difficulties this is not ok! Our older children need to understand the law and how that behaviour can be followed up with criminal proceedings.

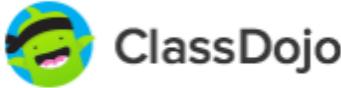
#### Y6-Y7



For all our Y6 parents we recommend you still make an application for a mainstream school. Whilst this may be a formality for some we have been in the situation where children in Y6 have not been allocated a school because applications were not submitted.

We have a new SENDO who is now called a case manager for all the children with Education Health Care Plans. His name is Paul Robinson and we will be inviting him to all of our EHC reviews.

Our main priority this half term is to ensure we have completed all the annual reviews for Y6 children so we can make appropriate

	<p>recommendations around the support and provision your child will require at Y7.</p> <p>If you have any queries please contact Micaela Armstrong who will be able to support you through the process.</p>
<p><b>Outdoor Coats</b></p> 	<p>As we head into the colder weather we still like to get the children busy outside.</p> <p>It is really important that every child has a winter coat coming into school every day.</p> <p>Hats, scarves and gloves will also be required as we head into winter.</p>
<p><b>Class Dojo</b></p> 	<p>We use class dojo to share achievements, learning photos and to upload newsletters and information.</p> <p>Please can all parents ensure that they have class dojo on their mobile devices.</p> <p>If you need a new activation code to connect to your child's class then please contact the school office.</p>
<p><b>Halloween Theme Day</b></p> 	<p>On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be having a theme day in school where the children will be able to dress up in their Halloween costumes or non-uniform.</p> <p>£1 donation to support school fund raising please.</p> <p>A spooky menu will be available on this day too with lots of fun and exciting activities in the classrooms.</p>
	<p>Mrs Worthington has worked as a teaching assistant at the school for over 15 years. We will sadly be saying goodbye to her at half term as she takes some time away from working in education.</p> <p>Mrs Worthington has been dedicated, committed, supportive and caring towards the 100's of children she has supported.</p> <p>We will be sad to see her leave and wish her all the best for her future adventures.</p>
<p><b>Diary Dates</b></p> <p><b>Half Term</b></p> <p>School Closes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021</p> <p>School Opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021</p>	
<p>Thank You for your continued support.</p> <p>Have a good week</p> <p>Mrs Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones</p>	