



AUTUMN TERM

13TH DECEMBER 2021

Values at Stepping Stones

The Value of the Week is Responsibility

We are continuing to focus on the value of responsibility as it seems to be a key area that we are currently working on across the school. We continued to have a high number of children receive their responsibility band last week. We are going to continue with this value because it fits with the work we do on behaviour and accepting that we make mistakes; however, teaching the children that they need to put things right, repair, restore and redraw new ways of managing challenging situations. We outlined at the beginning of the week that we do not expect the children to be perfect, but we do want to see improvements in them taking responsibility for their words, behaviour and learning.



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 - Elliott for trying hard to listen to adults and make positive choices.

Maple Class – Andrew for trying hard this week and managing change.

Oak Class – We are working together as a team to improve our class behaviour and responses to adults.

Orchard Class – Bradley for using his strategies and toolkit to deal with tricky situations positively.

Christmas Jumper Week



As from Monday 13th December children and staff can wear their Christmas Jumpers each day if they wish. One jumper all week is fine! There is no need for the children to have different jumpers each day.

Christmas Lunch



We will be serving Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15th December. On Thursday 16th December school lunch will be a buffet / party lunch.

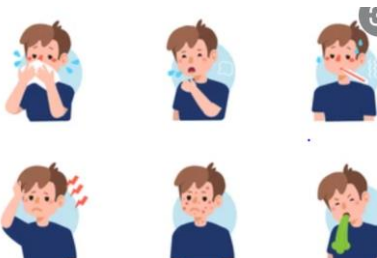
Christmas Raffle & Where is Rudolph?



We are having a small Christmas Raffle. Tickets are 20p each or £1 for a strip. Children can bring money in during this week to purchase tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 14th December.

Also, Rudolph has gone into hiding...the children can bring in 50p per guess to try and find him on the Winter Wonderland map. We will announce the winner on Thursday.

COVID and General Illnesses



As we move into the final week of the school term we are all keen to have a 'normal' Christmas break as possible. We are continuing to put in stringent measures across school such as regular handwashing, cleaning throughout the day and minimising mixing where possible. The guidance does not state that we need to be in bubbles etc. As you are aware we have been really struggling to maintain the staffing levels with just normal illnesses impacting on the team.

	<p>We are therefore asking for families to be using lateral flow tests regularly within their household to identify Asymptomatic cases. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Whilst we appreciate how hard and distressing it can be for your child to have a Lateral Flow test or PCR test we do need to be identifying positive cases and stopping the transmission.</p>
Behaviour Updates	<p>Well Done to Maple and Orchard Class for improved behaviour responses last week. We had children from within these classes really trying hard and making positive choices.</p> <p>We do however continue to have a small number of children whose behavioural responses are concerning and putting others at risk. Our staff are working really hard, a range of strategies and support is in place for all the children. It is not acceptable to hurt adults, damage school, spit at adults. If your child is involved in incidents which places staff at risk then parents / carers will be called to meet with staff and their child. This will be part of risk assessment reviews.</p>
<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>School Closes on Thursday 16th December 2021</p> <p>School Opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022</p>	
<p>Thank You for your continued support. Mrs Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones</p>	