



# AUTUMN TERM

15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

## Values at Stepping Stones

### The Value of the Week is Positivity

We are focusing on the value of positivity this week. The children join whole school circle time on a Monday morning where they are introduced to the value of the week, this is reinforced daily across the whole school day.

We work hard to teach the children about “A Can Do” Attitude and overcoming negative thoughts with positive ones. Through growth mindset teaching opportunities positivity is continually reinforced.

You can send in home nominations to your child’s class teacher and celebrate their positivity at home!



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 positivity and determination with his learning.

**Maple Class** – Terry for another consistently positive week!

**Oak Class** – Kyle – for coping with changes in a positive manner.

**Orchard Class** – Harvey for supporting his peers in a positive way and demonstrating the Stepping Stones Values.

#### Damage to school



It saddens me to outline that we currently have a small number of children who are causing deliberate damage to school property. We understand that whilst a child may be dysregulated then accidental damage may occur. However, what we are reporting is deliberate and driven by work refusal and the children involved are quite aware of what they are doing.

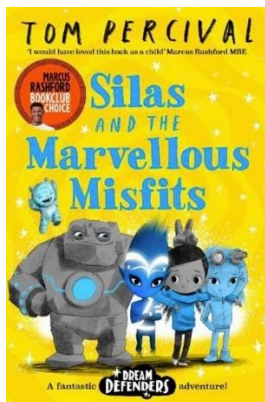
Damage over the recent weeks has been...

- Drawing on walls
- Kicking walls, doors causing holes in plaster
- Breaking glass panels in doors
- Damaging the blinds – pulling the cords out
- Ripping fabric sofas / benches / bean bags
- Pulling the lights out of the sensory room

All of this damage is causing a significant cost to school and the impact is on curriculum resources. The school need to purchase new IT equipment and an outdoor learning shelter for KS1, however we are now in a position where the damage is so significant that we cannot afford to replace the resources required. The school does not have the funds to keep replacing and repairing the damage.

As from today we will be expecting that parents / carers support the school as outlined in the home school agreements. Financial contributions need to be made from the children who are causing the damage. E.g. withholding their tuck shop money, using some of their pocket money, treat money to pay towards the repair costs.

**Reading - Marcus Rashford's Book Club**



The Marcus Rashford Book Club is a reader-recommends programme created by England International footballer and child food poverty campaigner Marcus Rashford MBE and Macmillan Children's Books.

The book club aims to encourage and nurture a love of reading in children, and launched in June 2021 with its first title, **A Dinosaur Ate My Sister** by Pooja Puri, illustrated by Allen Fatimaharan.

The second title in the book club is **Silas and the Marvellous Misfits**, written and illustrated by Tom Percival, published on 14 October 2021. The book helps children to love their differences and discover the joy of being themselves.

Children across school have been provided with these books and should have taken them home. We are very fortunate to be provided with these as a Magic Breakfast school.

Please take time to read them with your child.

**Outdoor Coats**



It is really important that every child has a winter coat coming into school every day. The children need movement breaks and need to be busy therefore we try to get them outside in all weathers.

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

**COVID**



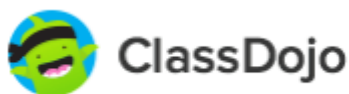
As you are aware last week we had 2 positive COVID cases in school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who managed to LFT test or PCR test their child. We appreciate how challenging and uncomfortable this can be.

As from Tuesday we will no longer be classed as having a COVID outbreak, but we will continue to be encouraging increased hand washing and the cleaning of touch points through the day.

Public Health North West outlined that it is ok for parents to be regularly testing their child using the LFT test kits in order to identify any positive cases early and stop transmission.

We continue to be vigilant over illnesses and request you do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

**Class Dojo**



We use class dojo to share achievements, learning photos and to upload newsletters and information.

Please can all parents ensure that they have class dojo on their mobile devices.

If you need a new activation code to connect to your child's class then please contact the school office.

**Diary Dates**

**Christmas – New Year Closures**

**School Closes on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**School Opens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Thank You for your continued support.

Have a good week

Mrs Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones