



AUTUMN TERM

20TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Values at Stepping Stones

The Value of the Week is Kindness

We are focusing on the value of Kindness this week. We will explore how the children can show kindness at home, in school and within the community.

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.

Our Questions to explore this week are...

Are you happy for others when they succeed?

Are you able to forgive others who make mistakes?



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 – for showing a “Can-do” attitude throughout the week towards all of his learning - **Tommy**

Maple Class – For working hard in all of his lessons this week - **Ethan**

Oak Class – Are working hard and hopefully we will have a star on Friday 24th September

Orchard Class – Are working hard and hopefully we will have a star on Friday 24th September

Behaviour and Safety



For the vast majority of children, we have had a positive start to the new academic year. All staff are working hard on relational approaches to supporting children and we are continually reviewing our practices in line with research and developments.

Mrs Dodd and Ms Sheron have recently trained to be emotion coach Practitioners and will be embedding the emotion coach practices across the whole school. This will fit with our Thrive Practitioners, Miss Meacham, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Graham. It is also similar to our Attachment Lead trainers, Ms Sheron, Mrs Armstrong and Mr Askew.

We do however continue to have a small number of children who are struggling with returning to school. We ask parents to support school, reinforcing what is socially acceptable behaviour.

We have three main rules – Respect, Safety and Completing Learning to a good standard.

Home Tasks



Thank you for the support in the home learning tasks last week. All the children are continually assessed by the teachers and all the staff are working hard to ensure your child makes progress. Some of the learning tasks will be consolidation activities, especially if your child is not applying key spellings and number facts for example, to independent work. Letters will come home this week for you to be able to book an online ‘Meet the teacher’ session.



Kitchen News

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Context

In July we ended our contract with Lancashire County Catering Contract.

Our main reason was the children were not eating the meals and there was a lot of food waste. Despite the tweaks and changes we made with the kitchen the children were still quite picky about the food and a lot was going in the bin!

We asked Mrs Houghton our housekeeper to take on additional responsibilities and during the Summer we installed a mini catering kitchen in our staff room. Mrs Houghton, Mrs Davies and Mrs Dodd have been busy ensuring all the catering requirements are in place



Our Menu

Our Menu is continually under review. At present we are trialling different meals and monitoring what the children are enjoying. It is a streamlined menu and if there is nothing that a child likes they will be offered a sandwich.

All children are encouraged to have a balanced meal with a variety of veggies.

Every child is also encouraged to have fruit and a small sweet treat at lunch.

We are beginning to work with local suppliers.

Country Style Farm Shop to provide cottage pies, burgers, chicken and sausages.

Morris Bakery – to provide cakes, cookies, bread products.

Mrs Houghton tries really hard to make all the food look exciting, inviting and colourful.

What we have found so far....

- 1) Approx. 98% of children are eating the fruit and choosing more fruit for pudding. Strawberries, melon, grapes, oranges are going down really well.
- 2) The mixed salad, cherry tomatoes and peppers are enjoyed by most children.
- 3) We have very little waste each day!