



AUTUMN TERM

4TH OCTOBER 2021

Values at Stepping Stones

The Value of the Week is Tolerance

We are focusing on the value of Tolerance this week. Please try to allow your child some opportunities to show tolerance at home. This could be tolerating a younger sibling learning to play a game together.

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.

Remember tolerance is accepting everyone for their individuality and differences and learning to tolerate changes and things we could sometime 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 – Reilly – demonstrated perseverance and tolerance throughout the week.

Maple Class – Ethan had lots of positive days. Listening to adults.

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

Orchard Class – are trying hard and we will look again on 8th October.

Operation Encompass



Our school is part of Operation Encompass which works in conjunction between schools and Lancashire Constabulary.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse, or where the police have attended a home for different reasons and children from our school are present.

We have three Designated Safeguarding Leads – Alison Dodd, Micaela Armstrong and Jane Meacham. The DSL's receive information from other agencies such as the Police in order to ensure children have the best support in place following any incidents.

We continue to ask parents / carers to inform school of any incidents, changes etc. that may cause your child distress and impact on their school day.

Packed Lunches



We are working hard on the school dinner menu to ensure it is balanced and has healthy elements.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure it is a balanced healthy lunch too.

Savoury Items – e.g. sandwich, boiled egg, sausage roll, soup in thermos flask, pasta salads.




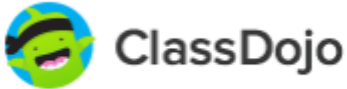
1 small pack of crisps / bread sticks or crackers

Fruit & Veggie Sticks

1 sweet treat e.g. small biscuit, yoghurt

1 still juice e.g. flavored water / juice – no fizzy drinks.

We are not able to heat packed lunch items up.

<p>Behaviour Update</p> 	<p>The vast majority of children are settled in school and are making positive choices with their behaviour.</p> <p>However, we have had a few children who have recently displayed very dangerous behaviour towards staff. E.g. Hurting, spitting, biting.</p> <p>This is taken very seriously and it is expected that the child reflects on their behaviour and repairs with the adults. If this behaviour continues parents/ carers will be asked to come to school for a meeting to discuss their child's behavioural responses.</p> <p>Whilst we are a school that understands and supports children with challenging and complex behaviour it is not acceptable for staff to be getting hurt and we would appreciate that this is followed up at home.</p>
<p>Y6-Y7</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our main priority this half term is to ensure we have completed all the annual reviews for Y6 children so we can make appropriate 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>Outdoor Coats</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>Class Dojo</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>Diary Dates</p> <p>Half Term</p> <p>School Closes on Thursday 21st October 2021</p> <p>School Opens on Monday 1st 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>	