



# AUTUMN TERM

6<sup>TH</sup> 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, 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

**Maple Class – Leighton for showing respect and having a positive attitude to his learning.**

**Oak Class** – Kyle for continuing to be honest, show respect and take responsibility for all learning and actions.

**Orchard Class – Reuben for really working hard to use the agreed spaces and strategies for regulation.**

Cinema Trip



A small group of children who have been rewarded for following the school values of respect, responsibility and consistent safety will be invited to the cinema on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This will be confirmed this week with the children and their parents.

The children know that they will receive an invite, they also know that in order for any trips and excursions out of school then the risk assessment has to be agreed. This means we must see safety, respect and children responding to all adult requests.

Christmas Jumper Week



As from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December children and staff can wear their Christmas Jumpers each day.

Christmas Lunch



We will be serving Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

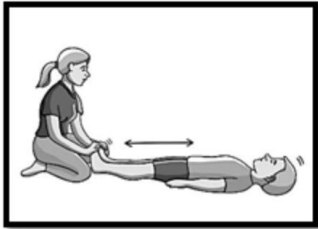
On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December school lunch will be a buffet / party lunch.

Christmas Raffle



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 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## Rhythmic Movement Therapy



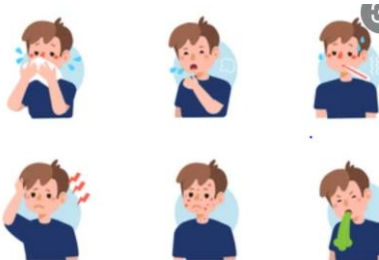
We are working very closely with a Rhythmic Movement Specialist, Lucy Hampson. At present she is coming into school weekly and working with each class on movement plans, which will be built into the school day to support emotional regulation and sensory integration.

### What is Rhythmic Movement Therapy?

Rhythmic movements are **gentle rocking and reflex integration movements that stimulate neural pathways and promote learning, emotional balance and ease of movement.** RMTi is an effective way to help with symptoms of ADD/ADHD, learning challenges, autism and behavioral/emotional imbalances.

All staff will be receiving further training from Lucy in January in order for the Movement Plans to be implemented as part of a whole school approach and to provide further support for all of our children.

## COVID and General Illnesses



We did have a high number of children off last week with a variety of illnesses. Thank you to the parents for taking the children for PCR tests to rule out the possibility of COVID.

COVID continues to be high in our area and in many of our local primary schools. We have adopted all the additional measures outlined from the Department of Education. We advise you to continue to use Lateral Flow Testing within your household on a regular basis.

## Behaviour Updates

Last week we wrote to parents about a small number of children's behaviour and the impact this was having on other children's learning, staff well being and the school environment.

During the week we had to continue to have some difficult conversations with children and their parents, however we were extremely well supported and we appreciate that! As we have previously outlined, working together has the most impact on pupil progress. 😊

## Diary Dates

**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. Mrs Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones