



AUTUMN TERM

8TH NOVEMBER 2021

Values at Stepping Stones

The Value of the Week is Kindness

We are focusing on the value of kindness this week. We will focus on showing kindness to other people. This week it is also World Values Theme Week. Additional values activities will take place this week.

We are making and sending cards for kindness to Nazareth House Care Home.

We will be painting and decorating pebbles with affirmations and positive messages on. We will be taking a small group of children out to hide these in the local area.

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.



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 – Terry demonstrated an outstanding attitude all week.

Oak Class – Callum for an outstanding week.

Orchard Class – Harvey for demonstrating positivity to all aspects of school.

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>School Lunches</p> 	<p>As many of you are aware we are not part of the Lancashire County Council Catering Service. We design our school menu around the children's food preferences. Since September this has been a huge success. At times the menu may seem repetitive but we are focusing on what the children like and will eat.</p> <p>The children make their initial choices on a Friday to gauge numbers but are then asked to confirm their choice daily.</p> <p>We cook to their order and have very little waste. Since doing this we have had a higher number of children eating fresh fruit and vegetables daily.</p> <p>We have reduced the amount of processed food served on a weekly basis. School Dinners are £2.30 per day, please put the money in a named envelope so that it can be accounted for by the school office.</p>
<p>Outdoor Coats</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Hats, scarves and gloves will also be required as we head into winter.</p>
<p>COVID</p> 	<p>As you are aware we have recently had a higher number of children and staff testing positive for COVID.</p> <p>If you get a positive LFT test you should isolate, get a PCR test and wait the result.</p> <p>If you have symptoms you should seek a PCR test. If you are a contact of someone you can carry on with daily life but should seek a PCR test within 3-5 days of contact. We have to report all positive cases to Public Health England and we are guided by their advice. If we continue to see and increase we may have to revert back to class bubbles.</p>
<p>Fortnite and Online Chats</p> 	<p>We are aware that a high number of children are online in the evening gaming and chatting to each other.</p> <p>Whilst we accept this is part of children's lives we ask that parents / carers are present whilst their children are gaming and monitoring the conversations.</p> <p>Some of this has been spilling over and impacting on school, therefore please set appropriate boundaries and rules for your child's screen time.</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>Diary Dates</p> <p>Christmas – New Year Closures</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.</p> <p>Have a good week</p> <p>Mrs Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones</p>	

