



AUTUMN TERM

26TH SEPTEMBER 2022



Values at Stepping Stones

This week the focused value is Kindness and Appreciation. During this week we will focus on how we can show appreciation and be kind to everyone. We will look at appreciating friendship, the support from our adults and people at home.

Parent / Home Nominations

We love to hear about children showing this value at home.

Weekly Lunch Menu

- The weekly lunch menu is published on Dojo on Thursday each week. A copy is sent home for you to be able to complete your child's preferences and return to school.

Last week, we noticed more children eating off the hot menu and trying new food which is a real success!

Key Reminders

Letters to return to school

Please ensure letters are returned to school promptly, thank you.

Attendance and Reporting Absences

We have had a number of children already having absences from school. Some of these are unavoidable and due to illness. However, we have had a number of children absent with no reasons provided.

We aim for 100% attendance from all the children, however we recognise that above 96% is great!

If your child is unwell and can not attend school, please ensure you inform the school office, NOT THE TAXI ASSISTANTS! A Phone call or Dojo message is all that is required. If we do not hear from you, it is standard policy for the office to phone home.

Please make sure you answer your phone or call school back once we have left a message.



Packed Lunches

We always encourage children to have a healthy lunch. We know that many of the children can be quite 'fussy' with their food. However, we do have food standards to meet and this means we limit the amount of sugar and saturated fats. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure it **does not contain – chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, sweets etc.**

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.

Reading at Home

Over the past few weeks, teachers have been busy re-assessing the children and ensuring they have reading books suitable to their ability. We are keen to ensure all children progress and enjoy reading. Therefore, teachers are sending books home. Please can you listen to your child read at least 3 times per week and complete the reading record.

Your child will earn recognition for the learning they do at home and this will be celebrated in school.

This week we will be launching our reading at home competition. Children can choose a range of books to borrow from the school reading selection. They can take them home, share at home. If your child can talk about what they have read, complete a book review and/or have a photo of them reading sent to their teacher via class dojo they will receive a raffle ticket.

At the end of the half term the raffle will be drawn and they could win a Family Just Eat Voucher.

Behaviour and Safety

Our three school rules are

- Be respectful
- Be Safe
- Complete your learning / tasks to a good standard



The children have been working with their class teaching staff on their regulation plans. This is to help them identify things that upset them and work out strategies to help. All of our school staff are kind, empathetic and supportive. We understand the children's needs and don't expect perfections. However, we do expect our staff to be respected and not hurt. We have a small number of children that have hurt staff. If this does take place, you must support school to prevent these behaviours taking place.

As outlined in last week's newsletter, this year, following a serious incident you will receive a letter outlining the incident in detail and the measures staff took to keep your child safe. The first point of contact will be a phone call, however the incident will be followed up with a letter and reply slip to return. If a child's behaviour is putting staff, other children and the child at risk then a meeting will be called to write a positive handling plan.

Over the coming weeks we will be booking pupil reviews to talk through each child's progress and discuss next steps.



Finally, it is beginning to turn colder now as we head into Autumn.

Do remember to send your child in with a coat for playtimes.



Thank You for your continued support. We are looking forward to a new school year and are excited about the curriculum we have planned! Please remember that we are here to support and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)

Thank you,

Mrs. Dodd and the team at Stepping Stones School