



# AUTUMN TERM

3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2022

## Values at Stepping Stones

This week the focused value is Trust. We will be focusing on how to show you can be trusted and how we put our trust in people. The children will be trusted to carry out a range of activities. The children will also have the opportunity to show this value through cycling sessions on Monday.

### 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! Thank you for sending the menus back, it really helps us know what your child likes to eat or what they will try.

## Key Reminders

### Letters to return to school

Please can any outstanding letters and permission slips be sent to the office.

Remember – Any money coming into school e.g. dinners, trips should be in a named envelope.



### Behaviour Expectations on Pupil Transport

The transport to and from school is provided by Lancashire County Council. The taxi / mini buses are supported by passenger assistants, who all work very closely with us at school.

It is important that the children are respectful and safe on pupil transport. If there are issues that put others at risk then the passenger assistant and driver report to their line management, which is the Local Authority Integrated Transport Department. Pupil transport can be suspended if a child has placed others at risk or they are persistently displaying inappropriate language and behaviour. It therefore becomes parent responsibility to get their child to school until a risk assessment is completed.

We try everything to avoid this. We provide activities, books and games for the children on the transport. Please can you also outline the same high expectations for your child to prevent issues arising.

**The key rules are safety, respect and listening to their staff on the transport.**

### Borwick Hall Day Visits (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October)



We have booked two separate days to go to Borwick Hall. We will be looking to take up to 12 children on the Tuesday and 12 children on the Wednesday. These will be mixed aged groups to promote team work, co-operation, listening skills and to widen our outdoor activities.

Letters for this trip will be sent home this week, however as always, your child's place on the trip will be dependent on the level of risk. We need to ensure that everyone is safe, and therefore we do expect the children to be showing that they can follow the school rules at school. (Safety, Respect and Learning) Safety is key! If a child is not able to listen to adults and remain safe at school then this trip can not be offered to them at this point. We will heavily subsidise the cost of this trip and ask for a contribution of £10 to support transport costs.

## 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

This month our reading theme is Witches, Wizards and all things magical. A range of books will be available to loan each night. We are asking the passenger assistants, older children to read them to each other on the vehicles. We are also asking for you to share reading at home.

Please can you photograph your child listening to stories at home or sharing books at home and send them to the class teachers via Dojo or your child can tell the teachers about the book they have read / are reading.

Or perhaps you could listen to some of the stories on Youtube / Iplayer.

One of our books is Room on the Broom, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0102qfi/room-on-the-broom>

Another is the series Winnie the Witch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlit8dSLJuE>

Or for some of our Older Readers they may be interested in listening to Harry Potter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66DI4pgwxjU>

All reading at home will be awarded a Reading Raffle Ticket.

At the end of the half term the raffle will be drawn and they could win a

**Prize 1 = Family Just Eat Voucher. Prize 2 = £10 Book Voucher Prize 3 – Choice of Book / Magazine**

### Behaviour and Safety

Our three school rules are

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



**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.**



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

