



AUTUMN TERM

5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Respect

1. Treating others the way you want to be treated
2. Showing kindness and consideration
3. Liking yourself enough to be yourself
4. Accepting others for who they are

Values at Stepping Stones

The Value of the Week is RESPECT

This week our value is Respect. Stepping Stones is an Enhanced Values Based school which means we work hard to promote values through the whole curriculum. Our focus this week will be establishing rules and boundaries. (Be Safe, Be Respectful and Do the best you can, completing work)

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.

Our Questions to explore this week are...

Are there different types of respect?

How is respect shown in the wider world?

Letters Home



We will be sending out our annual pack of information this week. In the pack there will be forms that need completing and returning to school ASAP.

Some of the forms are really important as we are updating our records and databases.

We need to ensure emergency contacts are up to date. It is expected that we have a minimum of 2 emergency contacts, however three is preferable. There have been many occasions where we have failed to contact parents because they have not answered etc. Please answer your phone or call school back.

We will also be updating the permissions form. Please ensure these are returned.

School Day

Time Change



Before COVID closures and procedures the school day was 9am – 3pm Monday – Friday.

We are going back to these times as we now have more staffing and flexibility. We are keen to increase a range of opportunities in school and want to ensure we have enough curriculum time to do this. Therefore, the return to 3pm on Fridays will ensure we have an additional 1.5 hours per week to ensure we can add in additional opportunities and extended curriculum provision working with sports coaches, music specialists.

Class Dojo

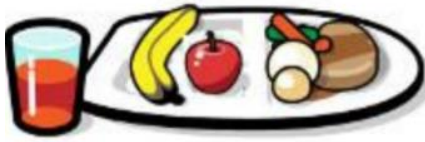


Our main form of communication with home is via Class Dojo. This is a free app where you can link to the school.

We share learning, newsletters, positive experiences and communicate key messages through this system.

Please ensure you are signed up. New sign in details will be sent home to parents who are not on the APP.

School Dinners



We had a very successful start to our school lunch menu last year. All our meals are prepared by our Housekeeper; Mrs Houghton. Last year we noticed an increase in children eating a healthy plate of food with lots of vegetables, salad and fruit.

If a child really does not like anything on the daily menu, they will always be offered a sandwich, wrap or alternative simple option, however we are encouraging all of the children to try something new. The menu is published weekly on class dojo.

Staff Team



We have had a few changes to our staff team.

Y1 – Elm Class

Teacher – Miss Bradbury and supported by Miss Watson and Miss Potts.

Y2/3 – Hazel Class

Teacher – Miss Hunter, supported by Mrs Bzania and Miss Elderton

Y4/5 – Maple Class

Teacher - Mr Holt, supported by Miss West and Miss Knowles

Y5/6 Oak Class

Teacher – Mrs Greenwood, supported by Mrs Rossall and Miss Govier

Mrs Dawson will be supporting across school Tuesday – Thursday

We also are welcoming an additional teacher Mrs Carr who will be covering classes when the teachers are required to do their planning, preparation and subject leadership responsibilities.

Miss Taylor – has also joined our Outreach Service.

All Class teams will be compiling a newsletter to distribute later in the week.

Behaviour and Safety



Our three school rules are

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

Please can you encourage and praise your child at home for working hard. Our school is focused on building positive relationships with the children to provide safety, consistency and trust. We have a firm, fair, friendly and focused approach. All staff have the same expectations so children know boundaries.

Over the next few weeks we will be completing Emotional Regulation Plans with each child and talking to them about what helps them remain calm and in a good place for learning. Once these are complete we will be sending a copy home for you to see what strategies and support has been agreed.

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