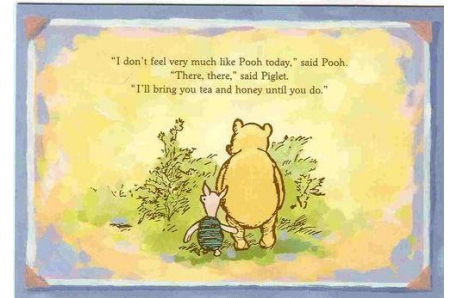




The Value of the week is Caring.



We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and as a school we will be discussing **Caring** and what this can both look and feel like to each of us.

We will be discussing with the children how caring is about showing concern for others; to take time out to look after others in need; and helping the children to understand what empathy is.....putting ourselves in other people's shoes.

Home nominations were quiet again last week - remember we love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home! Listen out for examples where your child has shown care and kindness to others this week at home and in the community. Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination which will be read out and celebrated at daily Meeting.



Finally, Can-do Colin was out and about over the weekend and we can't wait to hear about all of his adventures – please do remember to send in some photos of his exploits with your child on Class Dojo. Thank you - we really do value your input from home 😊

During “*Work Wednesday*” Whole School Meeting last week, it was the turn of **Seacole House** to celebrate examples of their learning:

Learning Highlights



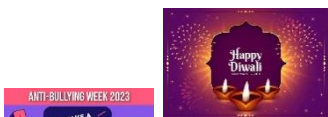
Steven and Nico were all extremely proud to share their sentence writing this week. They had focussed well on *finger spacing, correct letter formation, capital letters and full-stops*; as well as using their phonic knowledge to spell words **independently!**

Wonderful Steven and Nico! 😊

Evie proudly shared some descriptive writing about a setting from the story the class are studying in English. She was happy to explain to everyone herself! Fabulous Evie! 😊

Jayden was happy to share and discuss his learning where he had been finding the common denominator to add and subtract fractions. Very well done Jayden! 😊

It was a busy week.....



Look out for some lovely images from your child's class last week on Class Dojo, where the children have been busy making lamps for the Diwali festival, baking special sweets, learning the story behind the Diwali festival and creating festive decorations. Staff were also treated to some delicious food, kindly cooked and shared by Mrs Chavali.

The children enjoyed a very busy Friday – either focussed on Children in Need and the very worthy causes it supports; or were challenging themselves on the Winmarleigh Day Camp!

The group this time were some of our younger pupils who were **shining examples** of a **can-do attitude; showing bravery, resilience, trust and friendship** – “**They were amazing!**” said Mr Holt , who was literally over the moon with their efforts and their behaviour!

Winmarleigh Day Camp 2

Miss Meacham's favourite photo – this sums up the ethos and culture for our wonderful school..... 😊



Key reminders:



As you know, at Stepping Stones we are committed to encouraging our children to have a love of reading and to share their enthusiasm for books with their family at home.

Mrs Greenwood continues to post on Class Dojo, "**TOP TIP TUESDAY**". Each Tuesday there will be a post on Class Dojo to suggest a question you could ask your child after they've finished their reading; and an alternative reading source to their home reading book.



Let your class teacher know how this is progressing at home - which top tips are working well? What is a child's favourite book or story? Perhaps you have your own top tip to share with school?

We love to hear from you!

Attendance Matters



Attendance and Booking Holidays during Term Time

Attendance matters! School has been looking at the attendance data for the Autumn Term; it has been noticed that there are a few key children with growing absences. This will be closely monitored over the coming weeks; and we will be in touch with further information to support if required. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and every child should be in school every day the school is open unless they have an unavoidable reason to be absent. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. *"Government research shows a direct link between attendance and attainment and good attenders also make better progress socially, learn to work with others, and are better prepared for the transition to secondary school and, eventually, higher education, training and employment"*.

If you are booking holidays during term time, please be mindful that these will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. ***Any child on a dual placement e.g. still on roll at mainstream school should have the holiday request authorised by their mainstream school.***

On-line Safety and behaviour



This is a reminder please to ask parents/carers to be fully aware of what and who your child is engaged with when on-line please. We have had some incidences recently where some of the children have been talking together on line, however, conversations have turned unfriendly and this then comes into the classroom; in turn creating further problems leading to unsafe choices and actions.

As you are all aware of course, our children who attend our school are very vulnerable. Parental monitoring and awareness is required please, in order to ensure your children are kept safe from harm. Thank you.

We have a range of information and guidance available on our school website.

<https://www.stepsstones.lancs.sch.uk/keeping-your-child-safe-online/>

Thank you for your continued support. The children continue to build positive relationships in class teams; and are busy making new pupils feel welcome! Thank you for mirroring our ethos and values at home.

Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).



Miss Meacham and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School

To cut off and keep.....

Christmas Carol Concert Afternoon and Christmas Raffle 6th December 2023

All parents are invited to join the children this year in our Christmas Carol concert at Stepping Stones.

Further details nearer the time. Thank you.

