



AUTUMN TERM (2)



30TH OCTOBER 2023

WEEK 1

Welcome back everyone – we hope you have had a restful and safe half-term break 😊

The Values of the week are Trust and Respect.

This first week back, our focused values will be **trust and respect – two of our core school values** - and we will be teaching the children and showing the children what these mean, daily.

We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and as a school we will be talking about how we can build up trust and respect with one another over time, but how unfortunately, one quick, thoughtless, unkind word can quickly take away trust and respect for someone else. As a school we will be focussing on “**thinking before we speak**”.



Our home nominations have gone a bit quiet again.... Remember we love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home! 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 holiday with some staff, and he will be off on his adventures again at the weekends – 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 into Class Dojo. Thank you - we really do value your input from home 😊

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

Learning Highlights



Andrew was very happy to share some maths learning, where he had been correctly recording the time on clocks for half-past and quarter past the hour. Very accurate Andrew! 😊

Darcy proudly shared some of her art which she had completed in her own time during social time - some beautiful colour-mixing to create a stunning sunset! Very well done Darcy! 😊

Jensen was so proud to share his maths challenges. He had been solving money problems and was able to explain in front of everyone what he had to do! Fabulous Jensen! 😊

Anthony was eager to share some multiplication learning where he had to solve calculations within money. Great focus, lovely to see Anthony! 😊

Archie explained in great detail to everyone about the character he had created within his English writing that week. Amazing ideas Archie! 😊

Upcoming events

We will be sending further information nearer the time for each of these events in school during **November**.

For Children in Need we will be fundraising for the Charity.

Each Class will be celebrating an aspect of Diwali; and Remembrance Day will be taught in each class through English and PSHE sessions. The school will also be creating a creative piece of art altogether.

Anti-bullying week will have an important presence in school. This is taken very seriously and is a natural aspect of British Values. The children will be focusing on this during their PSHE lessons.

Key reminders:

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 can be sent home to parents who are not on the APP.

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 week we will be updating Emotional Regulation Plans with the children 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 have been agreed.

School Uniform



Finally, a reminder about our expectations around the school uniform:

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform for school, thank you:

- Our school uniform is navy blue jumper / cardigan. White polo / shirt/ t shirt.
- **Dark grey or black trousers/** leggings, skirt / shorts or jogging bottoms. **NO LOGOS.**
- Children should be wearing **black school shoes or plain black trainers. Again, no logos.**
- Children who are with us for short periods of time may choose to wear their mainstream school uniform.
- We do have uniform available to purchase if you wish your child to have a jumper with a logo / t shirt with a logo.

Only on PE days children may wear their PE kit. Again, this should be plain **non-branded** joggers / shorts and **plain PE T- shirts** (White, blue, black). **NO FOOTBALL** shirts or **hoodies**. They can wear their navy jumper over the top.

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.

