



## Values at Stepping Stones

### The Value of the week is Friendship.

We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and the children will be introduced to this week's value, Friendship, and we will be teaching and showing the children what this can mean, daily.



As a whole school we will be building upon the learning we had last week on Humility - thinking carefully about the importance of taking time **to listen to one another**; and this week, tasked with finding out something new about our classmates and friends; thinking about their **qualities and what we can learn from each other**.

It was lovely to receive some more home nominations last week – keep up the good work – we would love to hear about so many more! We really want to celebrate home nominations on our Values' Board in school each week. 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 has been out and about this weekend again – 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 this week, the whole school came together to share the Harvest songs they had all been learning in their music lessons with Miss Van.

It was fabulous to see the effort and many of our younger pupils too, 'taking a risk' to step up and sing in front of others – not an easy thing to do – the staff were very proud of them!



### Learning Highlights

You have also been very generous with your donations for the homeless shelter, A HUGE Thank you to you all! We are planning to deliver the donations this week.



### 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.



This week we are celebrating **World Mental Health Day, TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

Look out for the messages from Mrs Graham on Class Dojo - the children can join in with designing a **positive poster** competition; and we already have 2 very thoughtful poems chosen by 2 pupils, poems which share a **positive message** for everyone.

Finally, remember on this day the children can wear **yellow clothing** to school – just the usual rules apply please – no football shirts or hoodies. Thank you.



Thank you so much to the parents/carers who were able to make appointments last week to discuss how your child has settled into the new term; and to discuss their targets for the weeks ahead.

If you were unable to make one of the time slots last week, do not hesitate to please get in touch to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

As we discuss at admission, it is so important to maintain close contact and build up the relationship for the children between home and school. This helps the children make good progress at school and set down those positive building blocks, and creates a positive ethos and attitude towards learning.

Thank you for your continued support. The children are building positive relationships in new class teams; and 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



**October Half term begins after school ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, returning to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**