



The Value of the week is Thoughtfulness.

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



In today's Circle Time we spoke about what thoughtfulness means, how can we be thoughtful and also watched some short animations that might give us some ideas or examples. Pupils believed..... that thoughtfulness is "sharing time", "thinking of others' feelings", "helping others", "looking out for others".

We discussed how doing something small for one person, can affect many people, it is like a chain reaction of positivity! **When we share acts of kindness, we colour our world!**

We really hope you can spot your child making many thoughtful choices and taking time to think of others this week. They can show it in so many different ways. 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 😊

Our Christmas Singing Afternoon



A HUGE thank you to everyone who came to listen to the Christmas singing event last week at school; and to everyone who kindly took part in the Christmas games - both on Wednesday and for those who were able to send in money, for your child to take part in school.

It's always lovely to see our parents in school, we do appreciate how hard it can be to attend, especially when so many of you are not local!

We can now announce our Christmas game winners:

Name the 'bear' winner is Samuel.

How many sweets in the jar winner is Jensen.

And Jacob managed to find out **where Rudolph was hiding!**

School uniform



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

On return for the Spring Term 2024 , please do 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, in muted colours, no bright colours or neon colours** – preferably, blue, black, white, grey etc.). **NO FOOTBALL** shirts or **hoodies**. They can wear their navy jumper over the top. Thank you 😊

Home reading



Just a reminder for everyone to let you know how much we value reading at Stepping Stones.

We really need you to hear your child read at home please. This 'extra' reading really benefits in so many ways – sharing a story together; discussing events; practising new words (our younger pupils); a lovely calming time before bedtime... etc



The children are working very hard in class with their reading time too, eager to improve their knowledge, understanding and fluency.

Thank you 😊

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 Dinner Wednesday 13th
December – and Christmas Jumper day!**



**School finishes for the Christmas Holidays after school
on Wednesday 20th December at 3:00pm.**

We return to school for the Spring Term on Monday 8th January 2024.