

The Value of the week is Appreciation.



We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and as a school we will be discussing appreciation and what this can both look and feel like to each of us. Following on from last week's value of *Thoughtfulness*, the children will be continuing to think about others and how they can show their appreciation and thoughtfulness in class and at home. We will be talking to the children about the importance of showing **gratitude** and **saying thank you** to someone who has done something good for you or made you feel happy.

Please do take the time to discuss this with your child at home and let us know when they have been able to show their appreciation at home. We love to be able to celebrate home nominations for 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 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 😊

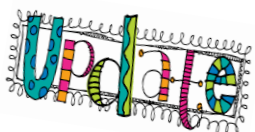
Our School Christmas Dinner



We all thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas lunch on Wednesday, beautifully cooked by Mrs Houghton. The children gave her a very loud "Three Cheers!" 😊



Some changes in our staff team for the Spring Term 2024:



Miss Meacham is stepping down as Acting Head and the school welcomes Ms Hamer, who will be joining the team on a part-time basis for the next 2 terms as Acting Head. She will continue in her post as Head of School at Trumacar Primary school in Heysham. Miss Meacham returns to her post as Deputy Headteacher at Stepping Stones.

Y1/2/3 – Elm Class Teacher – Mrs Boothman will continue in January, supported by Miss West and Ms Liu. We all wish Miss Bradbury a speedy recovery through the Spring term.

Y2/3 – Hazel Class Teacher – Miss Hunter, supported by Ms Moorhouse and Mrs Turner

Y4/5 – Maple Class Teacher - Mr Holt, supported by Mrs Bzania and Miss Elderton

Y5/6 Oak Class Teacher – Ms Wilkie and supported by Mrs Rossall

Ms Van Mechelen will continue to cover Oak and Maple Class when the teachers are required to do their planning, preparation and subject leadership responsibilities; as well as supporting with SEND responsibilities within school; and working within the Outreach Team.

Mrs Greenwood continues as the Outreach Service Manager. Ms Govier continues to work within Outreach as well as working in-house with pupils on their reintegration to mainstream school.

Mrs Graham continues in her role as Pastoral lead across the whole school; alongside supporting the Outreach team. Mrs Armstrong continues in her role as Pupil Pathway Manager and family liaison.

All Class teams will be compiling a newsletter to distribute for the start of the Spring Term, 2024.

Some key reminders:

Class Dojo



Our main way of communication is Class Dojo. Please ensure you are signed up to this App so that you do not miss any key reminders or information regarding your child's school day and events. It is upsetting for the children if they are not prepared for any changes or events when they get to school.

Also make sure that all phone numbers and key contacts are up to date. In case of an emergency, we must have up to date numbers.

Parents/Carers can also ring the school office from 8:00am if required.

Behaviour and Safety



Our three school rules are

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

The children are working hard through school to follow the school rules and use their strategies, values and growth mindset to help them manage the more tricky parts to their day. Again, we have had some wonderful, thoughtful nominations this week during our daily meetings, especially amongst some of our younger pupils this week.

Thank you for all your support at home, we are seeing many of our children, including our new friends over the past few weeks, trying especially hard to make good choices and follow our school rules, especially around keeping themselves and others safe. 😊



School Taxi's

Firstly, just a gentle reminder for the new year, please have your child ready at the earliest possible time of arrival in the mornings. We are being told, taxi's are having to wait up to 10 minutes for some children to be ready. This has a knock-on effect for the other pick-ups for a taxi in the morning. LCC policy is to wait for just 3 minutes.

Secondly, the policy states that parents/carers must take their child out to the taxi please.

Thank you so much for your help and support in this matter. 😊

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).



We wish you all a very Happy Christmas Holiday, stay safe and well; and have a very happy, healthy New year!

Miss Meacham and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School

To cut off and keep.....



The Spring term begins Monday 8th January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

