



## Responsibility

## The Value of the week is Responsibility.

### Ways to be responsible

- doing what is expected of me
- no excuses
- keep promises
- do the best you can
- When you do something wrong admit it and make it right



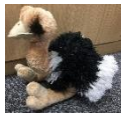
We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and as a school we will be discussing responsibility and what this can both look and feel like to each of us.

All of the children – from our 5 year olds right up to our 11 year olds - are being asked to take responsibility for completing a range of ‘good deeds’ through the week. Working as Class Teams, the aim is to complete as many good deeds as possible.

*Will the children show self-control if things do not go as planned? Will they take responsibility to carry out tasks to help others; and play their part or leave it to everyone else? Will they keep trying when they just want to give up? Will they accept consequences if they perhaps make a silly or unsafe decision; or will they blame others? Will they take time to think about how their decision or actions have affected others?*

We talk to the children a great deal about responsibility. A value which we believe is the key to supporting our children’s development into kind, hardworking, trustworthy young people.

We really hope you can spot your child making many positive, responsible actions this week. They can show it in so many different ways, and it gets easier with practice! 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 **Jordan House** to celebrate examples of their learning:

### Learning Highlights



**Theo** VERY proudly read out to the whole school his sentence writing. We were all very impressed with his use of phonemes to ‘have a go’ at spelling new words ***independently***. Fabulous Theo! 😊

**DJ** proudly shared his writing to show how he had re-written some of the events from “The Three Bad Mice” by Beatrix Potter. He read his sentences out loud to everyone and showed how he had used his phonemes knowledge to spell new words for his sentences ***independently***. Great to see DJ! 😊

**Kayson**, though he was at first a little apprehensive, he was encouraged by others telling him “***you can do it!***” and so he read out his 7 page story to the whole school. He used some wonderful expression and interesting vocabulary to keep his listeners interested and focussed! Wonderful Kayson! 😊

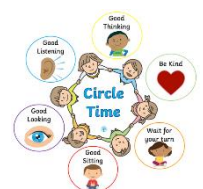
### Another busy week.....



The children have been working hard learning their songs for the Christmas Carol Concert.

We also said goodbye to 3 of our school friends this week as they moved on to new schools and had some very thoughtful, kind circle times. The children were wished good luck along with personal messages as the children remembered the things they have enjoyed doing with their friends.

The swimming group are already making wonderful progress, showing bravery and a can-do attitude as they practise their swimming strokes 😊





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.

We asked you last week to 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!



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



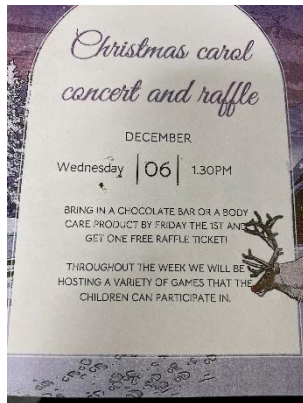
*To cut off and keep.....*

### **Christmas Carol Concert Afternoon and Christmas Raffle 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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



### **Christmas Dinner 13<sup>th</sup> December – and Christmas Jumper day!**



Thank you so much for the chocolate and body care donations already received. All donations arriving by December 1<sup>st</sup> are rewarded with a free raffle ticket!

