

Autumn Term (1)

MONDAY 16th September 2024 Issue 2

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| **Message from the Headteacher**  Dear Parents and Carers,  We have had another fantastic week last week where the pupils have been able to demonstrate how they have shown courage throughout the week. Remember that we share positive experiences and communicate key messages through Class Dojo so please look out for updates on the app.  You will be receiving a letter informing you about our meetings for parents with the class teacher coming up later this half term on Monday 30th September and Tuesday 1st October. Please specify your preferred day and time to meet by stating a 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of appointment and by returning the reply slip to the school office.  At this time of year, we also like to remind all parents to check their children’s hair on a regular basis for headlice – thank you for your continued support.  Finally, this week we would like to celebrate that we have 100% attendance so far for the start of term across all four classes.  Well done everyone!    Kind Regards  Mr M Hooper  Headteacher | |
| **Values at Stepping Stones**  **The Value of the week is Cooperation**  Oxytocin promotes cooperation among humans - Earth.comWe will begin the week as usual with our Values meeting and the children will be introduced to this week’s value, Co-operation.  As a whole school, we will be thinking carefully about how we speak and listen to one another; and how important it is to learn to work as a team, building trust, resilience and friendships!  Of course, do remember to send in your home nominations for how your child has shown co-operation at home e.g. following instructions, helping tidy up, supporting younger siblings etc.  We really want 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. | |
| A picture containing indoor  Description automatically generated**Can-do Colin**  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. | |
|  | As you may know the staff did a Sponsored Walk before the summer holiday. So far, we have raised over £1200 for school resources/outdoor resources which is absolutely amazing – Thank you for your kind generosity. Please can we kindly ask that any outstanding money is send into school within the next week. Thank you all in advance. |
| **Swimming** | This week we are starting a block of 6 swimming lessons for the pupils in Maple class. The lessons will take place at Bay Leadership Academy Swimming Pool (Formerly Heysham High School) this term. The lessons will be delivered by fully qualified swimming teachers from Molly’s School of Minnows.  **The first session will take place on TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024, then every Tuesday until Half Term.**  Your child will need swimming trunks/ swimming shorts, a towel and a bag to carry it in. Swimming kits can be kept in school and washed here on site, so that there are available each week. Goggles are also permitted but children must be able to put them on themselves. |
|  | Finally, a reminder about our expectations around the school uniform:  Do 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) |
| Thank you for your continued support. The children have made a super start to the new term, 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).  Mr Hooper and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School | |