

Autumn Term (1)

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| **Welcome back**  Welcome back to the new Autumn term. We are looking forward to the busy weeks ahead as we settle back into the school routine after the summer break. We hope all our children, carers and parents have had a lovely summer and we would like to welcome our new families to Stepping Stones. We are sure you will all soon settle in. | |
| **Message from the Headteacher**  Dear Parents and Carers,  I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Stepping Stones School. I look forward to working with all the parents and carers, as well as the dedicated staff team to ensure the best possible outcome for all the children within the school. I would welcome the opportunity to talk with all the parents and carers of Stepping Stones to discuss how we can continue to enhance our prevision for all pupils. With that in mind, if you would like to arrange a meeting or phone conversation with me, please contact Mrs Davies in our school office. I would also like to thank Miss Meacham for her leadership of the school and I look forward to working with her as we commence the autumn term.    Kind Regards  Mr M Hooper  Headteacher | |
| **Values at Stepping Stones**  **The Value of the week is Courage.**  What Does Courage Mean to You? - Create an Adaptable LifeThis week our focused value will be courage – one of our school values to focus on in the year ahead - and we will be teaching and showing the children what this can mean, daily.  Please remember to let us know when your child has been able to take a brave step, no matter how small. We really do 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 will be resuming his weekends at home with the children. Please do encourage your child to involve him in your weekend activities and to pop a photo/picture/sentence in the diary ready for his return to school each Monday. | |
|  | 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. |
|  | All our meals are prepared by our Housekeeper; Mrs Houghton. She works very hard to tempt the children to try new foods, to help ensure they have a healthy plate of food with lots of vegetables, salad and fruit. If a child really does not like anything on the daily menu, they will always be offered a sandwich, wrap or alternative simple option, however we will be continuing to encourage all of the children to try something new; do help your child, if needed, to look at the menu each week; and to discuss new foods they may like to try. The menu is published weekly on class dojo. A school meal at Stepping Stones costs £2.50 and we will continue to try and keep the cost of our meals as low as possible. |
|  | Our three school rules are - Be respectful - Be Safe - Complete your learning / tasks to a good standard. Please can you encourage and praise your child at home for working hard. Our school is focused on building positive relationships with the children to provide safety, consistency and trust. We have a firm, fair, friendly and focused approach. All staff have the same expectations so children know boundaries. Over the next 2 weeks we will be completing Emotional Regulation Plans with each child and talking to them about what helps them remain calm and in a good place for learning. Once these are complete, we will be sending a copy home for you to see what strategies and support have been agreed. |
|  | Finally, a reminder about our expectations around the school uniform:  On return for our Autumn Term, 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. We are looking forward to the new school year and we are  excited about the curriculum we have got planned!  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 | |