

AUTUMN TERM (2)

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we focused on the value of Caring and we had lots of lovely nominations to celebrate for our pupils from both staff and peers. Each of these examples was celebrated in our daily meeting.

On Friday we were able to raise £50.50 for Children in Need from the donations that we received for our nonunform day and from additional donations we received from our school staff and from some of our drivers and passenger assistants. Many thanks for all your donations.

Finally, we have seen an improvement in whole school attendance over the past few weeks. Thanks for all your work at home in helping us to promote good attendance.

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards

Mr M Hooper

Headteacher



## Values at Stepping Stones The value of the week is Responsibility



We will begin the week as usual with our Values Meeting 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.

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HEAD TEACHERS AWARD	This week's Headteacher awards are as follows: Penelope Jackson Heath Waterhouse DJ
House Captain Certificates	Each week our House Captains and Vice-Captains will nominate someone from their houses for House Captain/Vice-Captain award.
HOUSEN	This week's awards are as follows: Heath Waterhouse Elliott Tonks Quinlee Mason
Dairy Dates	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December – Is our Christmas Open afternoon - more information to follow nearer the time.   12 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch Day.   Image: Constraint of the time of the time.
Support us through easyfundraising	We have subscribed to <u>Easyfunding.org.uk</u> to help funds for school especially upgrading our front playground markings. This is free to both families and to school. As you start your Christmas Shopping, we are inviting you to sign up to this app. It is very similar to the Asda Rewards for Schools that is due to finish at the end of November. The link to this is: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-stepping-stones</u>
ATTENDANCE MATTERS	Week Commencing 11/11/2024 – 15/11/2024 = Our attendance 97%. Well done to all and keep up the hard work!
Thank you for your continued support and 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