



# AUTUMN TERM (1)

Monday 8<sup>TH</sup> September 2025

ISSUE 2

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

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. The first two days back were positive for our pupils and we will continue to build on this progress over time.

Last week we focused on the values of Trust and Respect. The pupils learnt what is meant by each value and how they could demonstrate those values, both at home and at school. We love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home. You can let us know when the pupils are showing the focus values at home using Class Dojo.

During Autumn term 1, we will be having Parent/Carer meetings with our teachers online via Teams. We will send out information around how to book a meeting with your child's teacher in due course.

Just a reminder that Lancashire Transport Team now have a policy of one address for each pupil for both drop offs and pickups. We as a school do not have control over Lancashire Transport Team policies and so if there are any issues, please contact the Transport Team directly.

Finally, from next week I will be including the pupils who have achieved the Headteacher's Award in the school newsletter.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

Mr M Hooper

Headteacher








## Values at Stepping Stones The Value of the week is Courage

This 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.



<p><b>School Lunches</b></p> 	<p>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 £2.80 and we will continue to try and keep the cost of our meals as low as possible.</p>
<p><b>Class Dojo</b></p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>School Uniform</b></p> 	<p>A reminder about our expectations around the school uniform:</p> <p>On return for our Autumn Term, do please ensure your child is in the correct uniform for school, thank you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our school uniform is navy blue jumper / cardigan. White polo / shirt/ t shirt.</li> <li>• Dark grey or black trousers/ leggings, skirt / shorts or jogging bottoms. NO LOGOS.</li> <li>• Children should be wearing black school shoes or plain black trainers. Again, no logos.</li> <li>• Children who are with us for short periods of time may choose to wear their mainstream school uniform.</li> <li>• We do have uniform available to purchase if you wish your child to have a jumper with a logo / t shirt with a logo.</li> <li>• 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). NO FOOTBALL shirts or hoodies. They can wear their navy jumper over the top.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Behaviour and Safety</b></p> 	<p>Our three school rules are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be respectful</li> <li>- Be Safe</li> <li>- Complete your learning / tasks to a good standard.</li> </ul> <p>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 Behaviour Plans for each child and talking to them about what helps them remain calm and in a good place for learning.</p>
	<p>During the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we will have Parent/Carer - Teacher review meetings on line. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.</p>

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