



SUMMER TERM (2)

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we focused on the value of Patience throughout the week. We received some fabulous nominations from pupils for their peers. Remember we love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home!

Just a reminder that our summer fair and leavers assembly is this Tuesday 15th July. We hope as many parents as possible are able to attend. We will celebrate the pupils who are leaving us at the end of term and each class will prepare something to present to parents, before we open our summer fair.

At the end of term, we are saying goodbye to some key members of staff within school:

Mrs Chavali who works in our school office leaves us after 11 years of service to the school. She has been a key member of staff supporting both pupils and staff across the school and she will be greatly missed. Mrs Turner is also leaving us after 9 years of hard work and support for our pupils at Stepping Stones as she has secured a position as a teaching assistant in a mainstream school. Mr Holt is also leaving us after 5 years to take up a teaching position in a mainstream school. Mr Holt has worked with many of our Key Stage 2 pupils and has a significant impact on their progress. Mr Morgan, who has been with us since January, also leaves us at the end of term to start his teacher training. He has made a positive impact on the pupils in his class and across the school during his time with us. I know that all of the colleagues above will be greatly missed by staff and students at Stepping Stones, but we wish them all the very best for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank them for their service and dedication to the school.

Joining us for the new academic year will be Ms Earl. She will be the new class teacher of Hazel class, and we look forward to welcoming her into her new role.

Finally, information on classes for the new academic year will be shared next week.

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards

Mr M Hooper
Headteacher



Values at Stepping Stones

The value of the week is Kindness and Tolerance

One of the most important things we can do to raise a tolerant child is talk about what tolerance is, and model it ourselves. 'Tolerance is most needed when we don't agree with someone, or when they are different from us. It's about learning to discuss things and argue with people without getting angry or upset.' Explains Rhian Seller, co-founder of the Learn2Think Foundation, which organises the UN International Day for Tolerance in primary schools. We will begin the week as usual with our Values assembly and as a school we will be discussing what we think we should tolerate and whether there are things we never have to tolerate.



We really want to celebrate home nominations in school each week. Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination which will be read out and celebrated at class meetings.



Class teachers for September:

Elm class – Ms Dowker

Hazel Class – Ms Earl

Maple Class – Ms Hunter

Oak Class – Ms Wilkie

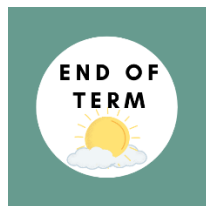
Ms Meacham will continue to offer PPA teaching cover across the school.

Details of TA support for classes and which pupils are in each class will be shared later this week by teachers during their end of the day communications. We are just waiting for final confirmations of pupils who are leaving us and joining us before we finalise classes.

Thank you for your patience.



15th July @ 1.30pm - Summer fair and leavers / end of term assembly



Term ends - After school on Friday 17th of July for the summer holidays.



New term – The academic year begins for pupils on Thursday 3rd September.



This week's Headteacher awards are as follows:

Lewis

Isabelle

Beau



Attendance Counts. – Our attendance currently stands at 88%

Please continue to stress the importance of school attendance to your children.

88%

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 that you can contact the school office at any time for advice and support.

Mr Hooper and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School.