AUTUMN TERM (2)

Monday 9TH November 2026 WEEK 2

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we will be talking about Remembrance Day this week, the special day to say "thank you" and remember the brave people who served in the armed forces to help keep us safe and work toward a peaceful world. There will be a minute of silence across school at 11:00am on Wednesday.

13h November is Children in Need Day and the children will be also focusing on this UK charity event, which raises money for disadvantaged children and young people across the country. For **Children in Need,** we will be fundraising for the Charity. To help this very worthy charity, we are asking for a minimum donation of £1 please, if your child would like to come in to school on Friday in Non-Uniform or in Pudsey related clothing. (the usual rules around no hoodies or football shirts still apply please).

Finally, just a reminder that we love to hear about your nominations from home, to help your child to move onto our whole school Values Rainbow; and to help your child earn bonuses by completing our weekly home values task! Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for your home nominations.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

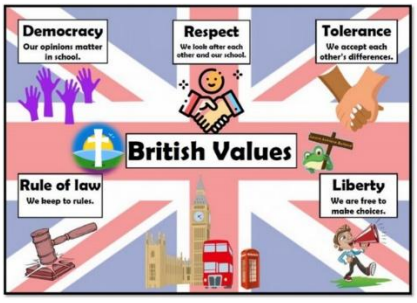
Mr M Hooper

Headteacher



Values at Stepping Stones

This week we are focusing on the British Value, The Rule of Law.



We will begin the week as usual with our Values Circle Time and throughout the week we will be discussing the importance of rules in our lives; why we have rules and how they help us.

Rule of Law – Everyone is accountable to the law which is fair and just.



This week's Headteacher awards are as follows:

Beau

Alfie B

Alfie W



Last week's values superheroes were:

Mckenzie

Ben



8 th November: Diwali - The pupils will be learning about Diwali during lesson times this week. The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. It is celebrated by Hindu people across the world. Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas'.

Diwali is also celebrated in **Sikhism** and **Jainism**.

Diwali always falls some time between October and November, but the exact date varies each year as the Hindu calendar is based on the Moon.



Class Dojo



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.



Attendance

Attendance data is carefully monitored at Stepping Stones, and all children need to be in school unless they are unwell.

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and every child should be in school every day the school is open unless they have an unavoidable reason to be absent. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

Our current school attendance is 81%

Please continue to work with us to stress the importance of good attendance to your children.

Thank you for your continued support and for mirroring our ethos and values at home.

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