



Welcome to our Summer Term 2024 Newsletter

If you can please find a little time to read all the articles and ask us any questions when you drop off or collect your child. If you have any ideas for items in our newsletters, please let us know.

Summer Term Dates

15th April – 24th May

Bank Holiday's – 6th & 27th May

Half Term Break – 27th – 31st May (1 week)

3rd June – 19th July

Topic This Term

Knights and Dragons

People Who Help Us

Growing

After half term there will be more topics which we will tell you about.

Summer Ball 2024

Our 20th Annual Summer Ball will take place on **Saturday 20th July** at Wivenhoe House Hotel. Tickets are **£60** per person, include a 3-course meal and dancing to an amazing disco. This is our biggest fundraising event; it supports our summer respite programme. Please support us in our fundraising efforts as they allow us to continue supporting our children and families.

Contact Liz on

info@steppingstonesplayandlearn.org for more information and to reserve your tickets!

Leavers Assembly

Our Leavers Assembly will be on

Friday 19th July at 1.30pm

This afternoon is especially for all the children leaving and going on to big school in September.

All other children should be collected from Nursery by 1.00pm

Parents Evening

Our Parent's evening will be on **Wednesday 12th June 4.00 – 5.30pm** - invitations will be sent out soon.

Please could you indicate if you would like to come and talk to your child's key worker.

Slips will include time slots please could you let us know what's convenient for you.

Sunny Weather

Can we please ask that you send your child to nursery in appropriate clothing for the weather i.e. with sun hats, suitable footwear (no flip-flops).

Also, if you would prefer us to use your own sun cream, please provide a bottle with your child's name on which we will keep here at nursery. During hot weather we have lots of water play so please could you send in extra clothing.

Bags 2 School Collection

Our next clothes collection will be on
THURSDAY 4TH JULY.

Please fill either a clear recycling bag or black bag with clothes, hats, shoes, bags, and belts (sorry no linen or towels)

Bring your bags in when its convenient to you and we can store them in our shed.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be on **Wednesday 10th July.**

We meet over at the Recreation Park by the Car Park for **11.00am**. Please bring a picnic and stay for a while. The races last just under an hour and we have lots of fun.

We will be joined by **James Cracknell OBE** who will be helping us present ribbons.

Healthy Eating

We promote healthy eating here at Stepping Stones. At snack time we provide a health snack with water or milk.

Please avoid putting sweets or chocolate in your child's lunchbox. A suitable chocolate type biscuit such as a KitKat are okay but please no sweet chocolate like buttons or milky ways.

Car Park Next to Nursery

We would like to remind you that the car park located next to the nursery is for Wilson Marriage staff only with the exception of parents with children who have **PHYSICAL difficulties ONLY.**

ALL other parents are asked to use the lower car park and walk up the stairs following the yellow safe walking zone markers.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum focuses on the prime areas of learning: Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Communication & Language Development and Physical Development. Each term we will focus on one area:

Spring: Communication & language

Summer: Physical

Autumn: Personal, Social & Emotional

Sickness / Illness Policy

Please could ALL parents/carers call us on our main nursery telephone number of **01206 860467** or our **WhatsApp** message service **before 9.30am** if their child is not able to attend nursery. Please try NOT to leave messages on Facebook or social media as we do not get a chance to check these until later on. If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, please keep them at home until a full 48 hours has passed since their last episode.

Join Our Committee

We are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to be part of our committee. We meet once a term to discuss all matters relating to Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group. This is a rewarding role, and we appreciate anyone who joins us in ensuring we go forward and meet the needs of the children and families we support. Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to be part of our committee.

Recent Grants Received

We are delighted to share with you that we have been awarded grants in support of our charity and the work we do from the following:

The East of England Co-Op Community Fund

The Edward Gostling Charitable Trust

Saffron Building Society

The Catalyst Charity

Thank you all so much for supporting us.