



## FUNDRAISING NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2024

Term Dates. 2019/2020

Last day of term is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



### BAGS 2 SHOOL CLOTHES COLLECTION

Bags2School Clothes collection – collection day will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – please make sure your donations of clothes, shoes, bags, belts and hats are all here no later than Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, just bring them in when it's convenient to you as we can store them in our fundraising shed, the more bags we collect the more funds are raised, so far we are just short of £900, sorry no linen, towels or duvets – just clothes.

### Links for our social media

Twitter - [@step\\_stones1](#)

Instagram - [stepping\\_stones\\_play](#)

Facebook – [Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group](#)

£320,000

Income we must raise ourselves

Guaranteed income

Nursery  
Childcare  
Vouchers

Nursery &  
Afterschool  
Club Fees

Our own fundraising

£180,000

Grants

£140,000

Stepping Stones is a charity. Our income is the result of obtaining nursery voucher income and a contribution towards a key person for SEN children. The rest, as you can see from the thermometer above has to come from our own fundraising. We need to raise £180,000 every year. We do this by applying for grants and from our own fundraising events.

To enable us to give our service we need your support by attending our fundraising events and we are happy to support you too if you would like to raise funds by arranging an event for us. It is a challenging time for all charities, so we all need the support of our families.

### UNWANTED GIFTS

If you have received a gift that you can't use or it's just not something you want then why not think about giving it to us and we can use it in future raffles, helping us to raise much needed funds for our charity. All donations grateful received.

WHAT TO DO WITH  
unwanted gifts



## **OTHER WAYS TO DONATE**

**100 Club** – ask for details on how to join, a monthly donation of just 1 is all you need.

**One Lottery** – [www.onelottery.co.uk](http://www.onelottery.co.uk) and search for Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group

**Essex Lottery** – [www.essexlottery.co.uk](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk) and search for Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group

**eBay** – [www.eBay.co.uk](http://www.eBay.co.uk) when you buy or sell something, you can indicate a local charity gets a percentage of the sale/fee.

**Just Giving** – [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) JustGiving's online fundraising pages make it simple for anyone to raise money for a cause that they care about.

**Easy Fundraising** – [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) Shop at over 3,500 shops and sites. Raising free donations when you shop online couldn't be easier!

## **SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION**

In the event of severe weather, our premises come under the guidance of Essex County Council. ECC will only close the Wilson Marriage Centre for safety reasons. Usually this is because of ice on the slopes leading to the car parks. If the centre is closed; we also will be closed.

**Essex County Council -**  
[www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures)

Heart – 96.1FM  
[www.heart.co.uk/colchester](http://www.heart.co.uk/colchester)

Dream100 – 100.2FM  
[www.dream100.com](http://www.dream100.com)