



DATES

Monday 8th January 2024

– Friday 16th February

Half term – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd Feb

Monday 26th February – Thursday 28th
March

SICKNESS/ILLNESS POLICY

Please could parents' telephone before 9.30am if their child is unable to come in due to sickness etc as this really helps us with arranging staffing.

Our telephone No: 01206 860467 has a 24-hour answer machine.

Please try **NOT** to leave messages on Facebook as we do not always get to these until much later.

If your child experiences any form of sickness or diarrhoea it is essential, you keep them at **home for a full 48 hours after the last episode** to prevent infections spreading to other children and families.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Our next bags 2 School clothes collection will be on:

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Don't forget to check your wardrobes, drawers and cupboards etc and bring your bags in anytime that's good for you.

Clear recycling bags are good but if not, a black bag will be OK,

Sorry – no linen, duvets, or towels – just clothes, shoes, bags, belts and hats.

SPRING TERM 2024



NEWSLETTER



UNWANTED GIFTS



We all love receiving gifts over the festive period. Sometimes our friends and family get it a little bit wrong, and you don't want to hurt their feelings so keep them. Please think of us if you have any unwanted gifts at home as these are always fantastic for the raffles, we run throughout the year. Please bring them in and we will give them a good home.

STEPPING STONES SUMMER BALL 2024

SATURDAY 20th JULY - This will be our 20th summer ball and you are warmly invited to join us in raising funds for our charity. Tickets which are **£60** per person include a 3-course meal and an amazing disco held at Wivenhoe House Hotel.

We can offer a saving plan split over the next few months as shown below:

For 2 tickets (£120)

January - £20

February – £25

March – £25

April – £25

May - £25

If you would like to join us, please let us know and we can send you all the information. It's a fantastic night with good food, good company, and great music.

OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum has a high focus on the prime areas of learning; Personal, Social and Emotional development, Communication and Language development and Physical development.

Each term we will focus on one area.

Autumn term – Personal, Social and Emotional

Spring term – Communication and language

Summer term – Physical development
development

Most children will be taking part in daily small group activities where we will focus on that area of development (this term is Communication and Language).

We plan our activities based on children's interests and next steps (what we are currently working on to develop) and we offer a wide range of activities.

Within our curriculum we will also be including the following this term.

Colour monster

(a book about emotions, visited every term)

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Chinese New Year

Dear Zoo

Apple Tree Farm

Easter

If there are any other celebrations/festivals that you celebrate as a family, please let us know and we would be more than happy to fit it in to our curriculum.

We will continue to share with you some of the children's learning through tapestry and encourage you to share with us anything they get up to at home.

DO YOU HAVE A SKILL OR JOB THAT WILL SUPPORT OUR CHARITY?

If you feel you have a skill, trade or work for a company that will help us in any way, please let us know or speak to your child's key person.

Would you consider joining our committee?

Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group is a registered charity and non-profit setting. We are run by a committee made up of past & present parents and local people from the community. We meet about 4 times a year (once a term plus our annual AGM), The meetings are held in the evening here at the nursery. If you feel able to give a little time and have a say in how we operate then please see your key worker.



Appropriate clothing.

Can we please ask that you send your child into nursery in appropriate clothing for the weather i.e. Warm coat, hat, gloves, wellies, spare clothes etc.

Please can we ask that **all** clothing and any other items such as lunch boxes and drinks bottles coming into nursery **are clearly named**.

CAR PARK NEXT TO NURSERY

We would like to let you know that the car park located next to the nursery is for Wilson Marriage centre staff only with the exception of parents dropping off or collecting their children with **physical difficulties only**. All other parents are asked to park in the lower car park and walk their children within the **YELLOW WALKING PATH LINE** for safety.

