





TERM DATES

1st Half Term

Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October Half term – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

2nd Half Term

Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

<u>2024</u>

Nursery returns on Monday 8th January 2024

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.

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.



The children have all settled back in well after the summer break and we have welcomed some new children who have also settled in really well.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have a lovely lady coming in to take individual photos off the children on Friday 13th October in the morning. The lady has many years of experience taking photos of young children and has been coming to us for many years. The proofs should be back with us to give out just before half term.

These normally take place in the outside classroom so as not to disturb the normal running of the nursery. If your child is not in on a Friday or has siblings, and you would like their photo taken please let their keyperson know and come in between 9.30am and 11am.

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.

OUR CURRICULUM

We have recently changed our curriculum so we have even more 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)

-Halloween

- Fireworks

-Diwali

- Christmas

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.

BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our next BagsSchool collection will be on **Tuesday 7th November**, please bring in any bags of clothes, shoes, belts, hats, and bags by Monday 6th November. We can store them here for you so drop off at any time. Sorry no linen, duvets or towels are collected its only clothes that can be sorted and sent out UK charities and abroad if needed. Every bag helps raise important funds for our charity.

<u> Wheathy eating</u>

At Stepping Stones Play and Learn group we promote healthy eating with our children and families. At snack time the children will be offered milk or water alongside a healthy snack. This will help the children with their oral health as well as their wellbeing.

Please avoid putting in sweets and chocolate in your child's lunchbox. Please could lunches be put in recognisable lunchboxes to help promote your child's independence.

Please cut up <u>GRAPE – LENGTH WAYS</u> because they are a choking hazard. <u>POPCORN</u> is also a choking hazard so can we ask that this is <u>NOT</u> put in lunch boxes.

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.



Appropriate clothing.

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

When the weather changes and gets colder - coats/jackets, waterproof clothing, hats and gloves closed in shoes/wellies etc.

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