



Welcome to our Autumn 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.

Autumn Term Dates

Monday 2nd September –

Wednesday 23rd October

Thursday 24th October to Friday 1st
November Half Term

Monday 4th November – Tuesday 17th
December

Spring term starts on the 6th of
January 2025

Topics This Term

Colour Monster

This is me

The Gruffalo

Spooky sensory week

Fireworks & Diwali

Colours & Elmer

Christmas

Fundraising For Our Charity

Within the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving an email with a couple of attachments, please have a look and let us know if you would like to join any of our schemes, these all help raise vital funds supporting the work we do and helps to keep us here for everyone.

100 Club - just £1 a month by bank transfer

One Lottery – each ticket brought in every draw makes a huge difference to our children.

Gift Aid – if you can do this every pound you donate, we can claim back £0.25p from HMRC.

School Photos

We will have a lovely lady called Carol from River Photography taking photos on the morning of **FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**

9.30am – 10.45am

Please do come along even if it's not your child's usual nursery day and have photos taken individual, siblings & family photos taken in our Outside Classroom, entrance will be via the wooden gates at the end of the nursery building.



Changing Weather



Can we please ask that you send your child to nursery in appropriate clothing for the weather i.e. with Hats, Waterproofs, Wellies, Gloves (make sure everything is labelled)

Bags 2 School Collection

Our next clothes collection will be on

TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 9am

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 it's convenient to you and we can store them in our shed.

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.

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 way's etc.

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.

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:

Autumn: Personal, Social & Emotional

Spring: Communication & language

Summer: Physical

Recent Grants Received

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

The National Lottery Community Grant

Tesco – Blue Token – we will be in the draw from October to January so please pop a token in our sections and encourage your family and friends to do the same – the more tokens we get the more we will be awarded.

Thank you so much for supporting us.

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.