

**Hi everyone,**

I hope everyone had a nice Easter despite the cold and rain! It looks like it's warming up this week which will go nicely with our topic of growing. The growing topic will continue most of this term and we are planting lots of vegetables etc. with the children.

#### Garden

The garden has been dug over and seeded before Easter so we are hoping to use it again in a couple of weeks time. In the meantime the children are enjoying free flowing to the patio area daily.

#### 30 hours

If your child is entitled to 30 hours please make sure you send me your 30 hour code with your child's name, date birth and your National Insurance number. Thank you.

#### Questionnaire

I have attached a questionnaire for you to fill in for OFSTED. I have added a small section at the bottom titled 'review'. This is just a brief summary of your experience of Stepping Stones which we can use on the website to promote us. We are also looking for reviews on Facebook and net mums if anyone could write one for us we would be most grateful.

#### Sponsored Find It

Thank you to those who have completed the sponsored find it boards. All the money raised is to be used for finishing/paying for the patio and for new equipment. We only have had a few returned at the moment so if your child has completed it and/or collected any sponsor money please could you bring it back into Stepping Stones. Thank you.

#### Change of date - Family Fun Day/Open Day - Saturday June 16th 2pm – 4pm

We are having an open day/fun day in aid of Children's Hospice South West. This is our biggest chance to promote Stepping Stones and get new families interested so please tell you friends about this and share on Facebook if you use it. There will be a cake stall, raffle, tombola, second-hand books and toys, refreshments and many different children's activities, including face painting, colouring competition and cake decorating. Our usual forest activities will be available in the woods for both parents and children to join in with. These include den building, making crowns, walking with mirrors, bark rubbing and making magic potions. The garden with the large wooden climbing frame and mud kitchen will also be open for the children to play in. **We will be looking for donations of second-hand books, toys and bric-a-brac and as new bric-a-brac, items for the tombola (children and adults) so start saving anything you may think is suitable!** Also home made cakes and help on the date would be appreciated. All proceeds from the day will go the 'Children's Hospice South West.

#### Sun tan cream/hats

Could you please make sure you apply sun tan cream to your child in the morning if it is due to be hot and send a hat into Stepping Stones as well. We will keep sensitive sun tan cream here for afternoons.

### Fruit

Please remember to bring in a piece of fruit each day your child attends. Alternatively you could bring in breadsticks, carrot sticks, crackers, chunks of cheese for every 2/3 days your child attends.

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