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Stepping Stones Newsletter



Welcome to our new look newsletter!

Dear Parents,

We hope this newsletter finds you well! At Stepping Stones Pre-School, we believe in providing an education that's not just limited to the classroom. Our Forest School setting and beautiful garden offer children a unique opportunity to learn and explore the natural world.

We are proud of our dedicated and passionate staff, who strive to create an environment that nurtures children's development and encourages them to play, learn and grow in new and exciting ways.

Whether they are splashing in puddles, climbing trees, or simply taking in the beauty of the great outdoors, our children love spending time in our garden. It's a magical place that offers endless opportunities for exploration, imagination, and discovery.

We are excited to offer this special and enriching experience to your children, and we look forward to sharing more about our Forest School in future newsletters.



Woods

Some of our staff recently undertook some extensive woods training, especially tailored to our setting, with a view to updating their skills and getting more ideas of how to make our woodland sessions even more fun for the children. Due to storms last year, we lost a lot of trees, so, using our fundraising money, we are looking to extend the woods and incorporate a new area that will give us more opportunities to explore and embrace being outdoors. Staff learnt some new activities and games and picked up some new techniques. We are sure the children will love the new activities and the new area.

Topics

We choose our topics by following the children's interest and requests as well as learning about holidays, traditions and other events. This term's topics include Superheroes, Chinese new year, winter, valentines, colour mixing and construction. The children have enjoyed using different resources, playing with our new story sacks that Demi has made us and trying Chinese foods!

Social Media, website and contact details

You can find us on Facebook at **Stepping Stones Preschool**

And Instagram **Stepping_Stones_Preschool**

Our website is www.steppingstoneselberton.co.uk

Email manager@steppingstoneselberton.co.uk

Preschool mobile **07763 154732** On between 8.15 and 15.00

Important Dates:

Term 4 starts Monday
20th February

Term 4 ends Friday
31st March

INSET DAY Monday
17th April

Term 5 starts Tuesday
18th April



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Cultural Capital

This is a phrase that we use to describe the rich and diverse learning experiences available to all children. It is something that we are wanting to expand on more at Stepping Stones and so we are asking if any parents would like to come in and talk to the children about their job or an exciting opportunity or activity they are about to embark on. It enables children to learn about the world around them and what other people do. If this is something you are interested in, please do get in contact with one of us. Thanks in advance!

Sickness

Please can we ask that you inform us if you're child is going to be off sick, either by email or by phoning/ texting the preschool mobile phone. We can then mark it appropriately in our register



Snack

We ask all children to bring in a piece of fruit for each session they are in. We then share this with the preschool at snack time. Alternatively, you can bring in a box of breadsticks, crackers, rice cakes etc but we don't need you to bring a whole packet each session, once a week will be fine. Please remember we are a nut free setting. Thanks.

Wellies and waterproofs

Please provide **NAMED** wellies and waterproofs for your child to use when at Stepping Stones. We have very few pairs of spares and they are particularly useful when it is very muddy!



Session Times

Morning 08.55-11.55

Afternoon 11.55-14.55

All day 08.55-14.55

Please be prompt for pick up at all times as staff ratios change and staff have to collect their own children from school at the end of the day. Thank you!

