



December Newsletter

Christmas show – It has arrived.....

And here we are already, the Christmas show is tomorrow. Some last minute reminders:

1. If your child usually comes to Stepping Stones on a Wednesday please bring them in as usual, they can be wearing their costume or bring it with them. Please bring them a coat. Please do not bring any other bags, gloves, drinks etc as we will be walking to the Village Hall and it will be difficult to carry too much extra.
2. If your child does not usually come to Stepping Stones on a Wednesday please bring them in their costume to the Village Hall at 10.20 am
3. The show will start at 10.30am prompt and will be finished by 10.50am
4. An adult should be there to collect your child at 10.50am, if it not the child's parent please notify us
5. After the show the committee will be leading some party games, please support your child to join in
6. Please bring your child a "party" packed lunch that they can have with their friends in the village hall
7. There will be teas and cakes for sale (cash or card)
8. After lunch - probably about 12.15pm - the party will finish
9. If any of this is not clear or you have further questions please just ask – looking forward to it!

Allergies

Please ensure your child's packed lunch does not contain NUTS, it has always been the policy for Stepping Stones to not have nuts and we do currently have a child with a known nut allergy so please, please be very careful what goes into the packed lunch tomorrow and always. This includes cereal bars and chocolate spread that contains nuts. Many thanks

Easyfundraising

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. Over 7,500 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Stepping Stones Pre-school, Clipston for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway. #MakeItCount

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/steppingstonespsclipston>

Fundraising event

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Window Fundraising event – we hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to all the committee who organised it and a special thanks to Santa – what a great surprise for the children. We raised an amazing £230.

Our next event - 3rd February 2024

On Saturday the 3rd of February 2024 we will be holding a fundraising event at a local farm, it's lambing season and the children will visit the real working farm and see all the baby lambs, as well as and tea and cake of course! There will be a competition to guess which lamb is born first and the winner announced on the day. It is a great event and I would highly recommend you save the date.

School applications

A reminder to apply for your child's primary school place on the gov.uk website. Applications close on the [15th January 2024](#) for September 2024 start. We recommend not leaving it until the last day in case of any technical problems. If you need any help with your application please just ask.

Mobile phone

Stepping Stones Pre-school has a mobile phone number: **07716 851108**. Please save this number as we may use it to contact you in the future. You can use this to text us, for example for absences and we will be taking it to Forest school if you need to contact us whilst we are there.



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Term dates

Christmas break	Thursday 21 st December 2023 – Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Spring term first half	Wednesday 3 rd January – Friday 16 th February 2024
Spring half term	Monday 19 th February – Monday 26 th February 2024
Spring term second half	Tuesday 27 th February – Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter break	Tuesday 2 nd April – Friday 12 th April 2024
Summer term first half	Monday 15 th April – Thursday 23 rd May 2024
Summer half term	Friday 24 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024
Summer term second half	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July 2024

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