



Newsletter January 2023

Happy New Year

We hope you all had a wonderful festive period and are well rested ready for a new term. There are lots of dates for your new diaries below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 15th January at 5pm is the deadline for Primary School Applications for those children starting school in September 2023, if you need any help please ask, please do not miss the deadline

Friday 27th January 2023 Spratton Hall are offering a Discovery Day, please see poster below for details

Saturday 4th February 2023 we will be holding a fundraising event at a local farm, it's lambing season and children will be able to take part in a competition to guess which sheep will be the 1st to have the lamb – as well as tea and cake of course! It is a great event and I would highly recommend contacting Louise to book asap. See the poster below.

Thursday 23rd February we will be open at the setting as well as at Forest school on Thursdays, if you would like to book a place for your child to attend on Thursdays at the setting please contact Sam, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Monday 8th May 2023 is now a bank holiday due to the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May so we will be closed on this date

Monday 19th June 2023 we will be going on our annual trip to Kelmarsh Hall – more details will follow but due to the logistics of the event you will be required to drop your child off later than usual, around 9am and collect them earlier than usual, around 1.30pm (there will be an option to bring them back to Stepping Stones to finish the day if they usually attend on a Monday afternoon)

Friday 21st July 2023 we are planning our end of year show and party, this is the last day of the academic year.

STEPPING STONES LAMBING EVENT

Date: Saturday 4th February

Time: 10:30-11:30

Stepping Stones is hosting a fundraising visit for children and their families to see the ewes and lambs at Little Oxendon Farm!

For a donation of your choice, each family can enter our lambing competition to guess which ewe will lamb first (the ewes have been numbered)!

There will be a prize for the winning guess.

Please let Louise Gowling know if you would like to choose a number.

Tea, coffee and cakes will also be on sale on the day, so please remember to bring some cash!

We will be outside and in a barn so warm clothing and wellies are highly recommended.

Please confirm to Louise if you plan to attend by Friday 27th January, then directions to the farm will be provided.

Louise: 07540577973



Term dates

Spring term first half	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 – Friday 10 th February 2023
Half term break	Monday 13 th February 2023 – Monday 20 th February 2023
Spring term second half	Tuesday 21 st February 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023
Easter break	Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April 2023
Summer term first half	Monday 17 th April – Thursday 25 th May 2023
Half term break	Friday 26 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023
Summer term second half	Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 July 2023

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SPRATTON HALL

Discovery Day

Friday 27th January - 2pm to 3pm

Girls and boys aged 2 – 4 are invited to bring their mummies and daddies to spend a little time in our Reception classrooms and see what makes starting school at Spratton Hall so special.

They are welcome to bring a friend, partner or relative to stay and play, enjoy some refreshments and meet our marvellous Early Years' teachers.

About Spratton Hall Pre-Prep

Our Pre-Prep Department is a self-contained, and purpose-built space full of fun, learning and exploration, that prepares children academically and socially for entry to the Prep School. Nestled at the heart of the school and consisting of three year groups, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, each class has its own teacher and at least one full-time teaching assistant.

Entry to our Reception is non-selective and based on a 'first come first served' basis. When places are full (and they generally fill up quickly) we operate a waiting list system.

In Year 3 children are gently transitioned to the main Prep-School, where they stay until they do their Common Entrance exams in Year 8.

Why parents love Spratton Hall:

"The school grounds are beautiful with amazing facilities"

"Friendly parents, children and staff"

"Small class sizes"

"The Pre-Prep is very much part of the whole school"

"Really welcoming"

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Booking is essential, visit our website to reserve your place.

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