



Newsletter May 2023

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, as always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Fundraising

Our next two fundraising events are in June:

Saturday 17th June we are working in partnership with Clipston Primary School to host the Clipston Village Hall Coffee Morning 10am until 12noon, please come along and support the event, we will be selling tea/coffee and cake, it is sure to be a relaxed morning chatting and eating cake. Proceeds will be split between Clipston Primary School and Stepping Stones Preschool.

Saturday 24th June we will be serving tea/coffee and cake at the Clipston Festival, this is sure to be a popular event and we would be grateful of any cake donations, homemade or shop bought, please bring any donations to Stepping Stones by Friday 23rd June. We will also be looking for volunteers to help serve the refreshments on the day and would be grateful if anyone can help for an hour, many hands makes light work. And of course, do come along on the day, it is 3pm onwards at Clipston Playing Fields, see posters locally for more information.

Kelmarsh Hall

We are looking forward to our annual trip to Kelmarsh Hall on Monday 19th June, the letter with all the information is being given out this week, please do contact us if the plan causes you any difficulty or if you have any questions at all.

Meeting your child's key worker

Parent / carer meetings have been offered to everyone during the coming weeks. It is an opportunity to discuss your child's development and progress and to ensure that we are working in partnership to support them with their next steps. Though this is a formal invite once a year, as always, if you want to meet with your keyworker or with Sam at anytime please just say.

Photographs

We are very fortunate that an ex parent of ours, Lisa Mitchell is a professional photographer and has agreed to come into Stepping Stones to take some pictures of the children on Wednesday 14th June. The priority for the photos is of course the children leaving Stepping Stones this year however we will aim to get photos of every child in attendance. If your child does not usually attend the setting on a Wednesday please feel free to join us for the photos which will be taken on the field (weather permitting) please arrive ready for 9am. Lisa will set up a private group web link where you will be able to view the photos, you

be then be able to order digital downloads at a very reasonable price if you wish, all proceeds will be donated to Stepping Stones. If your child does attend on Wednesday and you do not want them included please speak to Sam and we will make the necessary arrangements. Many thanks.

Stay and Play

The next stay and play sessions are:

Friday 12th May 2pm-3pm

Monday 15th May 2pm-3pm

No need to book, just come along.

If you are super keen to come to a stay and play session and these times / days do not suit you then please email me, and I will organise something with you directly.

Summer...

As we are dreaming of some sunshine coming soon! When it does

- Please send your child with a sunhat with their name in
- Please apply sun cream prior to arrival, we recommend the “once a day” type, please do not send suncream into the setting
- Please send your child in closed shoes suitable for running, no flipflops, open sandals or clogs please

Spratton Hall Event

Discovery in the Forest – Friday 9th June 2pm – 3pm

Pre-school girls and boys aged 2-4 are invited to bring their Mummies and Daddies to spend a little time in our forest school 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. Places are limited and fill up fast.

To book please email registrar@sprattonhall.com

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th May – 2-3pm stay and play at Stepping Stones

Monday 15th May – 2-3pm stay and play at Stepping Stones

Friday 26th May – teacher training day we will be closed on the 26th and for the coming week back open 5th June

Wednesday 14th June – photographs, see details above

Saturday 17th June – 10am-12noon – coffee morning at Clipston Village Hall

Monday 19th June 2023 - annual trip to Kelmarsh Hall

Saturday 24th June – 3-6pm - Teas and cake at the Clipston Festival

Friday 21st July 2023 - end of year show and party

Easyfundraising



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How? Just visit your favourite retailers through the Easyfundraising website choose a cause to support and then shop as normal. Once you've made a purchase the retailers will then make a small donation to your cause to say, "thank you". Its as easy as clicking on the link below.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/steppingstonespsclipston

Term dates

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
Summer break	Monday 24 th July – Monday 4 th September 2023
Autumn term first half	Tuesday 5 th September – Friday 20 th October
Half term break	Monday 23 rd October – Monday 30 th October 2023
Autumn term second half	Tuesday 31 st October – Wednesday 20 th December 2023