



Newsletter December 2022

I've kept it brief as I know time is precious but please try to take a moment to read this newsletter.

A huge THANK YOU

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to Christina and Sorrel who recently organised and hosted a very successful fundraising Wreath Making event, they raised a fantastic £300 which has paid for lots of new toys including balls, a marble run and popoids. Thank you both so much, we really do appreciate it.

Applying for Primary School

For children due to start school in September 2023 the deadline for applications is 15th January 2023 at 5pm - please do not miss the deadline as it could mean you do not get the school of your choice, even if you are in catchment.

Changes to opening hours

From 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.

Christmas jumper week

It's Christmas jumper week and we are collecting money for the Save the Children charity, recommended donation of £1 for the week. We will be teaching the children about the Save the Children charity and how not all children are as fortunate as them.

Date for your diary

On Saturday the 4th of 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 you save the date.

Family photo request

We have a family board in the Butterfly room, if you have not already provided one we would like one or two pictures of your child with their family, it can be Mummy and Daddy or include pets or other special people, grandparents etc. we will be displaying the photos for all to see so please ensure they are

appropriate (i.e. not in the bath). It is nice for children to see their loved ones on display, show their friends and talk about their families. Thank you in advance.

Outdoors

As the cold weather is definitely here please ensure your child comes with an appropriate coat, shoes or wellies for playing outdoors in all weathers as well as gloves and a hat, with their name in. We will continue to make full use of our outdoor space daily.

Raffle

The Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale, there are some amazing prizes!, this years 1st prize is a “booze barrow”, yes a wheelbarrow full of booze, with some mixers! Tickets are available from Stepping Stones and all committee members – all proceeds will go to Stepping Stones Pre-school so please support us by buying tickets yourselves and promoting them to friends and family. The raffle will be drawn on [Friday 16th December](#).

The Nativity

You should all now know - our nativity show will take place at Clipston Village Hall at 10.30am on [Friday 16th December](#). All children are invited to take part in the show, rehearsals are well underway! Children who do not usually attend Stepping Stones on a Friday should be brought directly to the village hall for a 10.30am start. The event will last for 30 minutes approximately. After the show the committee will be organising some party games and dancing and children should bring a party packed lunch. Each child should have an adult (parent / carer) stay with them and supervise them. Teas and cakes will be on sale for adults. Children should be taken home by their appropriate adult after the party. If your child usually attends Stepping Stones on a Friday afternoon and this is a problem, please speak to Sam asap. You should have received an individual letter about your child's part and appropriate outfit, if you have not, please speak to Sam asap.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Term dates

Autumn term second half	Tuesday 1 st November 2022 – Friday 16 th December 2022
Christmas break	Monday 19 th December 2022 – Monday 2 nd January 2023
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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