



## Newsletter March 2023

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to us.

### Cost of living price increase

As from the 1st April 2023, the voluntary contribution will increase from £1.50 per day to £2 per day.

Thank you for all your support, we could not continue to provide the level of service and care we do without it.

### Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, children are encouraged to come in dressed up as a hero – it could be spiderman, superwoman or anyone you think is a hero – maybe your own Mum or Dad! Anything goes, we have lots of dressing up outfits at Stepping Stones so please let us know if you would like to borrow one – no need to go out buying. We will be doing a collection for the Comic Relief charity and a donation of £1 is recommended. We will be using the opportunity to teach the children that there are people who are not as fortunate as us.

### Reports

The latest reports for your children are now available on Tapestry, unless your child started in the past four months (then you get a different report.). The team have worked very hard writing them and we really do appreciate you reading them and adding your thoughts and comments to them. If, as a result of reading the report you would like a meeting with your keyworker please just ask. We will be doing our annual parent meetings for all parents in April, but you do not have to wait, if you want to speak to your keyworker or Sam at any time, as always please just say.

### Stay and Play

The next stay and play sessions are:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2-3pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Forest school – 1-2pm (we would advise if you come along to this session that either you take your child straight home at 2pm or walk back to Stepping Stones with us)

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.



### Sessions after Easter

Thank you to those of you who have returned the forms indicating what sessions you want your child to attend after Easter. The deadline for requests is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please note we will be very full on most days for the summer term so to ensure you get the sessions you want please do return the form or email me asap. Many thanks

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023** - annual trip to Kelmarsh Hall

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** - end of year show and party

### Term dates

Half term break	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Spring term second half	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2023 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Easter break	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Summer term first half	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Half term break	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Summer term second half	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21 July 2023
Summer break	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Autumn term first half	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term break	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Autumn term second half	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

