



APRIL NEWSLETTER - HAPPY EASTER

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, if after reading it you have any further questions, please email preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk and we will do our best to answer.

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Do you shop at Amazon? If you do you could be helping Stepping Stones Preschool at no cost. To date, Amazon has donated a total of:

- £151.14 to Stepping Stones Pre School Clipston
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Annual trip

On Thursday 23rd June we have booked a company called Wild Science to come to the Village Hall for our annual trip. They will be bringing a range of 6-8 small animals to meet us, a mix of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. All children will be invited, even if Thursday is not your usual day. More details will follow soon

“Wild Science is the leading provider of animal handling sessions and science experiences across the UK. We are passionate about animals and science and use that enthusiasm to engage and inspire children and adults of all ages.”

If you want to know more about them, please visit their website www.wildsci.co.uk

Clipston Festival

Save the date for the annual Clipston Festival which will be held on the 2nd of July this year and will be well worth a visit. More details about the fun packed day will be published soon. Stepping Stones Pre-school will be supporting the event and we will be asking for volunteers to serve teas, run stalls etc.

End of term

Our last day of the school year will be on Thursday 21st July. As is tradition we will be hosting our end of year show at the Village Hall on this date at 10.30am. All children are invited to join in the show. Children who usually come to Stepping Stones on a Thursday will be walked to the Village Hall by the staff team. If your child does not usually attend on a Thursday and you want them to take part you should bring them to the Village Hall for 10.20am. We hope you can all make it.

After the show (approximately 11am) the committee will be hosting a party, children who wish to stay for the party should be accompanied by their parent or carer and bring along a packed lunch. It is our intention to reward the staff team by closing Stepping Stones after the show and allowing them to go for a well-deserved lunch, if this causes a problem for any parents whose child usually stays all day on a Thursday please talk to Sam.

Healthy eating week

We will be taking part in Healthy eating week; you can join in too – see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Photographs

One of our lovely ex parents has kindly offered her photography skills to come in and take a few snaps of our children. We intend to do this during May / June sometime and will let you know the exact date soon. All children will be invited so don't worry if it's not your usual day. You will be able to purchase digital downloads of your children at a great rate, all proceeds will go to Stepping Stones.

Pyjamarama

We will be joining in with the "Pyjamarama" day the Booktrust is organising on the 13th of May. It is a charity who believes that every child deserves a bedtime story. In support of this all children are invited to come in to Stepping Stones in their PJs for the day. We will be having a fun story day.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting our Comic Relief Day on Friday 18th March – as a setting we donated £25.

Parent meetings

All parent meetings are planned for the weeks after Easter, if you do not know your date and time or you need to rearrange, please don't hesitate to ask. Each appointment is 10 minutes.

School allocation

All parents and carers of children who are starting school in September 2022 are expected to find out their allocated school on the 19th of April. When you find out please can you let us know where they will be going. We will write a transition report for each child which we will share with you before sending to their allocated school. Also, we will invite their new teacher in to meet them at the setting and/or have a telephone discussion with them. If you want to discuss your individual circumstances, you can obviously do this at your upcoming parent meeting or just ask anytime.

Stay and play

We are going to be inviting parents and carers in to the setting to stay and play for an hour here and there throughout the summer term. After Easter there will be a rota available to enable you to book if this is something you are interested in. To allow for space and to reduce mixing we are going to allow a maximum of four visitors at any one time.

Summer...

Dare I say it? Summer is on its way – I hope. Just a few reminders for the summer term:

- Please send your child with a sunhat with their name in
- Please apply sunscreen prior to arrival, we recommend the “once a day” type
- Please send your child in closed shoes suitable for running, no flipflops, open sandals or crocs please

Thank you

Survey monkey

Each family should have received an invitation to our latest survey. Thank you to those of you who have already completed it. If you haven't yet done it there is still time – the survey will close on 19th April. Thank you for your feedback.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

19th April – Primary school places announced

13th May – Pyjamarama day – come in your PJ's

23rd June – The animals visit at the Village Hall

2nd July – Clipston Festival

21st July – End of term show and party

**Wishing you all a super Easter and look forward to seeing you on the
19th April**

Term dates

Spring term second half	Tuesday 22nd Feb - Friday 1st April
Term break	Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April
Summer term first half	Tuesday 19th April – Thursday 26th May
Half term break	Friday 27th May – Friday 3rd June
Summer term second half	Monday 6th June – Thursday 21st July*
Summer break	Friday 22 nd July – Friday 2 nd September
Autumn term first half	Monday 5 th September – Friday 21 st October
Half term break	Monday 24 th October – Monday 31 st October
Autumn term second half	Tuesday 1 st November – Friday 16 th December
Christmas break	Monday 19 th December – Tuesday 3 rd January

***please note the change of date as we will now be closed on Friday 22nd due to the additional day allocated to schools for the Queens Platinum Jubilee**

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