



## December Newsletter 2024

We hope you enjoy reading this final newsletter of 2024, as always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** is our Wreath-making Evening fundraising event. Please see flyer attached.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** is our Christmas Window Trail around the village. Please see flyer attached.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** is our final day of term, and we will be performing our Nativity Show in Clipston Village Hall. Full details will be provided nearer the time. Further information below.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** is the first day of next term. We look forward to seeing you all then.

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### Thank you and Goodbye

We would like to thank Shelley for all the hard work and energy she has put into her time here at Stepping Stones, and we wish her all best in her next adventure.

We are delighted that Mona and Kelle are going to step up into the positions of Manager and Deputy Manager respectively. Mona has been a member of the Stepping Stones team for 10 years, working as Deputy Manager for the past 4 years. Kelle joined the team in January 2022, and together they will make a fantastic management team.

### Christmas show – it has (very nearly) arrived.....

And here we are already, the Christmas show is on our last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Some last-minute reminders:

1. If your child usually comes to Stepping Stones on a Friday please bring them in as usual. They can be wearing their costume or bring it with them. Please bring them in a coat. Please do not bring any other bags, gloves, drinks, etc., as we will be walking to the Village Hall and it will be difficult to carry too much extra.
2. If your child does not usually come to Stepping Stones on a Friday please bring them in their costume to the Village Hall at 10:20 am.
3. The show will start at 10:30am prompt and will be finished by 10:50am.
4. An adult should be there to be with your child from 10:50am. If not the child's parent, then please notify us who it'll be.

5. After the show the Committee will be leading some party games, please support your child to join in.
6. Please bring your child a “party” packed lunch that they can have with their friends in the village hall.
7. There will be tea and cakes for sale (cash or card).
8. After lunch - probably about 12:15pm - the party will finish.

**PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE STAYING FOR PARTY GAMES AND LUNCH.**

If any of this is not clear or you have further questions please just ask – we’re all looking forward to it!

### **Topics this month**

This month our topics are Christingle, Winter and, of course, Christmas! The children will primarily be focusing on these themes in all the activities we do.

Children are welcome to bring in a relevant book/toy from home that they would like to share with the other children.

### **Advent Calendar**

Each day during Advent we will be opening the doors on our advent calendar. Each child will get a turn to open a door and take home the book inside. We hope that they enjoy reading them at home.

### **Fundraising Events and Thank you all!**

We hope that you enjoy the events this month. Thank you to all of you for your continued support of Stepping Stones. Every penny we make at our events goes back into the setting, and therefore the service we can provide to your children.

### **School applications**

A reminder to apply for your child's primary school place on the gov.uk website. Applications close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for a September 2025 start.

If you need any help with your application, please just ask.

### **Outdoors**

We will continue to make full use of our outdoor space daily, so please ensure your child comes with appropriate shoes and waterproof coat to play outdoors in all weathers. As the weather gets colder, please also send your child with a NAMED hat and gloves. We recommend cheap supermarket gloves which are thin, so easy to play in, but if they get mucky or lost it's not a disaster.

**Finally, we wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

## Term dates

Christmas break	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
Spring term first half	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Spring half term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Spring term second half	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter break	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
Summer term first half	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025
Summer half term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer term second half	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025

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Pre-school

# Christmas Wreath Workshop

*Join us at Clipston Village Hall to  
make your own Christmas wreath!*

*Thursday 5th December, 7-9pm*

*Refreshments and alcohol to purchase*



£25 PER PERSON

NATURAL MATERIALS PROVIDED, PLEASE

FEEL FREE TO BRING ANY DECORATIONS

YOU WOULD LIKE

**LIMITED SPACES**

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JOIN US FOR OUR



# Christmas Window Trail

COLLECT A MAP, FOLLOW THE TRAIL AROUND THE VILLAGE AND  
RETURN TO STEPPING STONES TO COLLECT YOUR PRIZE!

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES, EVERYONE WELCOME!

*£5 per  
map*

**THURSDAY 12TH  
DECEMBER  
3.15 - 5.15PM**

*Tea coffee  
& cakes!*

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