



## Newsletter April 2021

Welcome back to Stepping Stones Pre-school, and a special welcome to our new children who are joining us. This newsletter has information about what's happening in the term ahead, and some special dates for your diary. If you would like to discuss anything you read in this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact us.

### COVID-19

A reminder - If your child or a member of the family develops Coronavirus symptoms it is critical that they do not come to preschool and isolate as per government guidance. Any child who develops symptoms at preschool will be isolated and parents will be asked to immediately collect.

### Please continue to follow these guidelines to minimise risk

- When in the queue waiting to drop off or collect your child maintain 2-meter distance from other families.
- Only one adult should collect your child, the adult may bring other children if necessary.
- When it is your turn to come up the path, adults should remain in the rainbow circle.
- Adults are recommended to wear a face mask at drop off and pick up.

All staff at Stepping Stones are testing for asymptomatic covid-19 twice a week with lateral flow tests, as a member of a household with a child you are also entitled to collect lateral flow tests to use at home should you wish. Please see your local council website for details.

### New Charges/Contributions

Just a reminder that an email was sent out on 25th of March detailing the increased charges/voluntary contributions for daily attendance which will increase to £1.50 per day, and also Forest School, which will increase to £7 per day. If there are any questions or if you would like to discuss these further please contact us.

### Warmer weather

As the warmer weather approaches just a reminder to send your child with a (named) sun hat if necessary as we do spend some time every day outside. Please also ensure that in warmer weather that any sun cream is applied by the parent or carer before your child arrives at Stepping Stones as we are unable to apply it here. We recommend using 'once-a-day' sun cream before your child arrives at the setting. Children's shoes should be closed toe and no open toe sandals, crocs or flipflops please.

### **Visit to Kelmarsh Hall**

We are delighted to be able to plan a Pre-school trip this year due to relaxation of Covid restrictions. We are making plans for a visit to the gardens at Kelmarsh Hall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. More details will follow.

### **Forest School**

This term we will be welcoming some new starters to our Forest School group, we hope they enjoy this fantastic activity. Please continue to send your child in long trousers, long sleeved tops (layers if cold) and wellies, and also send a warm hat/sun hat as necessary as the term progresses. Even in warm weather we always wear long trousers and lightweight long-sleeved tops to protect from stings, scratches and sunburn. If you have your own waterproofs for your child you can send them in, otherwise we have waterproof dungarees here your child can wear.

### **Reports and Parent Meetings**

You will have received a date offering a parent's meeting with your child's key worker, which are taking place this month. If there are any problems with the date you have been offered, please notify us and we will do our best to arrange an alternative.

### **School Allocations**

For those children who will be moving to Reception in September, the Primary school allocations will be released on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. When you have received your allocation please notify us which school your child will be attending so we can plan the appropriate transition.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to those who have already completed the parent survey. If you wish to complete the parent survey and give your feedback about Stepping Stones, please do so before Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> April).

### **Save the date!**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July there is a matinee musical performance planned especially for preschool age children at Clipston Recreation Field, which will raise money for our Pre-school and the Clipston Playing Field Trust. Look out for more details soon about this fun event!

### **Term Dates**

Summer term first half	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Half term break	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Summer term second half	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

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