

Stepping Stones Pre School is a ‘not for profit’ charity run business. Our Charity Commission registration number is 1026412. We rely on fundraising to ensure that we can continue to offer affordable childcare places to the families within our local community. Ways you can help-

**Term 1- Autumn**



Upon your arrival we would like to welcome parents, carers into the building when only collecting your child! Please look out for any work/crafts your child may have done every day.

**WELCOME**

**We would like to wish a warm welcome to all our new families and their little ones. Over this term our emphasis is ensuring that the children settle in well.**

**We’ve been working hard to provide an amazing variety of exciting experiences for the children and have lots planned.**

**Warm wishes,**

**The Stepping Stones Staff**

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**THIS TERM’S TOPIC**

**We are starting this term off with ‘All About Me’.**

**We will be looking at our bodies, staying healthy, our families and friends, our homes, our pets, emotions, and religions. We encourage you to talk about these with your children over the weeks, and look out for any messages that we send out that encourages and supports our learning at Stepping Stones and at home.**

**WHAT IS STEPPING UP?**

Stepping up is aimed at children in their ‘pre-school year’ (ie: the academic year before they start Reception year).

The emphasis is the development of self-help skills and independence, improving social skills and making friends, sharing and turn-taking. Alongside developing knowledge of phonics and numbers in readiness for starting school.

The activities in Stepping Up builds self confidence and friendships providing skills to aid a successful transition into primary school.

The activities the children enjoy whilst in Stepping Up are planned using the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS).

Children stepping up will soon receive a pack to help support learning at home. If you have any questions about this then please don’t hesitate to ask.

**REMINDER**

\*All children must bring with them a named bag and a spare set of named clothing. If your child is still in nappies, you also agree to include several nappies, nappy sacks, a pack of wipes and nappy rash cream as required. Pull ups are only acceptable if your child is potty training. During potty training, make sure you pack lots of extra pants, trousers / leggings, socks and washable shoes!

\* Your child should bring a named beaker of water into Stepping Stones. We will refill with water during the day as needed. If your child is staying for lunch club, you agree to provide a healthy packed lunch for them to eat.

HOW .PARENTS CAN HELP US

We are always open to anybody to join us in supporting our committee and or donating your time to events. For further information please don’t hesitate to ask.



**EVENT**

**We will be hosting an end of term Halloween Party on Friday 27th October in the afternoon, for parents and carers. We kindly ask if your child does not normally attend that day and you would like to come a £10.00 fee will be charged. Further information will be sent out closer to the time.**

**WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR…**

* Village events
* Themes
* Books we are looking at
* Ways you can help us
* Halloween party
* We will be starting to prepare for the C word (Christmas SHHHH)

**Dates for your diary**

* Christmas show – 22nd December
* Christmas party – 20th December

**HARVEST**

We ask if you have any donations we will be donating them to the Lichfield Food Bank!

All Donations to be dropped off on 29th September.

We kindly ask all clothes/water bottles/lunch boxes/ are labelled!

**FUNDRAISING**

**Bags2school- Friday 10th November**

**Please bring any unwanted clothing to help raise us money. Please bring as close to the collection date as you can.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you work for a company/business that can support our nursery we would hugely appreciate it. From blue role, to wipes, to detergents, paper, card and crafts we would appreciate anything that can be donated that can help us.

We are having a clear out of toys and if you/or you know of anybody who is willing to gift us with any we would be grateful. We are looking for-

Paw patrol sets

Peppa pig sets

Little tikes outside cars

Scooters

Batman figures

**SANTA RUNNERS**

We are hoping to get the Santa Run this year and would like to know who would be willing to help support us with doing this run around the village. It is approx. 7miles and can only allow children over 15 years old. You have to be physically fit to take part. Anybody interested please let a staff member know.

**Safeguarding Concerns Contacts**

Staffordshire children’s Advice (SCASS) 0300 111 8007

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Whistleblowing NSPCC 0800 028 0285

**NEW SHED**
As a pack away nursery, we struggle for space and keen for more space to support with our organization.

If you know any individuals, companies, businesses that would like to donate a new shed to a worthy charity we would hugely appreciate it.