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Stepping Stones Pre School Alrewas

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 2**

**WHAT A GREAT FIRST TERM!**

**Thank you so much for your patience this term. With a lot of new starters we are all getting to know each other and building relationships.**

**The Halloween party was a great success, it was lovely to share it with both parents and children.**

**We hope you are looking forward to this term, it’s a busy one and a magical one!**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Remembrance Day – Sunday 12th November

Christmas jumper day- Friday 8th December

Children in Need week- Friday 17th November

Christmas - Friday 22nd December

Christmas party- Wednesday 20th December

We return back to nursery – Monday 8th January

**We are having a Christmas party on Wednesday 20th December, there will be party food provided by Stepping Stones, party games and a visit from Santa with a gift.**

**If your child normally attends on a Wednesday afternoon, your fees have been adjusted to take into account the cost of the party being £10 per child. Parents will be invited to return to take their child to see Santa, time slots will be available nearer the time and you will be informed of the time of your slot.**

**All children who do not normally attends on Wednesday afternoons will be invited to come to the Christmas party, the cost of the party will be £10 per child. This event is for Stepping stones children only. Parents are required to return at their allocated time slot to take their child to see Santa.**

**We are also going to put on a little concert on the Friday morning of 22nd December. There will be no sessional/day charge for this day as Children are to arrive for 9.45am with the concert starting at 10am. Afterwards you are invited to stay and have refreshments.**

**We will be closing for Christmas at 12pm on Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen on Tuesday 9th January 2024.**

**FUNDRAISING**

**We are also running a virtual balloon race- details will be sent out soon.**

**We are making Christmas baubles with children for parents to purchase and order. Orders must be made before 27.11.23.**

**A talented member of staff is making Christmas knitted ornaments-made to order. Orders must be made before 27.11.23.**

**Any items for the raffle at the Christmas concert would be greatly appreciated.**

**Information**

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising events, e.g concept photography, cauliflower cards, and bags2school. Your support has helped us raise a total of £180.

**Topic**

This term we are going to focus on all things Christmas.

We don’t intend to upload weekly updates about your child now until our final week when we will upload weeks of fun we have had celebrating Christmas.

**NEW WEBSITE**

**This is still being updated but now provides more information for all to see.**

<https://steppingstonesalrewas.co.uk/>

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December

But we love Christmas at Stepping Stones so wear Christmas themed clothing as much as you can.

**Christmas concert outfit**

**We are in the process of arranging what we would like your child to wear in the Christmas concert.**

**Our Opening and Closing Times are 9am-3pm**

Staff begin working with their key children from 9am and we find it very difficult to start children’s activities when we have to stop to let in latecomers. We would appreciate children coming in on time. Being on time is valuable for being prepared for school. We also need parents to be on time for collection as we have to vacate the premises for 3pm and as parents ourselves we have to pick our own children up from school.

**WAYS OF YOU HELPING US!**

* We are after outside cars/tractors/scooters for children to play on.
* We would appreciate any craft bits/materials/paper/card that we can use.
* We are building up our resources and are after more Peppa Pig toys.
* We are looking for occupational dressing up costumes i.e. Police man, nurse, fire fighter etc.
* Come to our fundraising events.
* Donate wherever/however possible.
* Join our committee and help support a local charity.

**THIS IS OUR TEAM**



Rose Dodd Becky Vernon



Ruth Kitchen Kirsty Cochran



Lucy Bayliss Chris Wilson

Lucy Chapman