



Well its been a busy year so far and it's hard to believe we have reached the end of our Autumn term and the Christmas Holidays are almost here.

Our final session for this term will take place on **Wednesday 20th December** and we will be back again, raring to go on **Monday 8th January 2018**.



### **TABLE TOP SALE**

If you haven't seen it yet we currently have a table top sale with some Christmas bargains so make sure you check it out.

### **DANOME CHRISTMAS PARTY**

As always we are looking forward to the annual Danone Children's Christmas Party on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at their offices on the White Horse Business Park. Danone have held parties for our children for many many years now! Throughout the year their Staff raise funds so that they can provide a fun packed party with food, entertainment and a visit from Santa and his elves.

### **TAPESTRY ONLINE JOURNAL**

Most of our families are now signed up to our online journal Tapestry and are enjoying the benefits of seeing their child's accomplishment's and milestones shared interactively. At the end of your child's time at Stepping Stones you will have the opportunity to download a copy of their completed journal to keep for your memories. If you have not yet signed up please do so .

### **ILLNESS / ABSENCE**

At this time of year we are all vulnerable to illness especially our little ones. The recommended period for children to be kept away from nursery from the last bout of diarrhoea or vomiting is 48 hours.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend a session please let us know via telephone, Facebook or email, please give an indication of the problem so we can alert other parents if we have an epidemic on our hands!!



Please remember to put labels in all your children's clothes so we can make sure any misplaced items are returned to you.

## HELLO FROM OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

### Brenda Shelborne



Brenda recently joined the team as an Play Leader. She is qualified in childcare education and has previous experience of working in a soft play centre. Brenda is looking forward to developing her skills at Stepping Stones.

### Clair Matthews



Clair joined the team back in September as Communications Co-ordinator and is enjoying keeping on top of our social media as well as ensuring the smooth running of the Tapestry online Journal.

## SAVE THE DATE

Stepping Stones needs to raise £50,000 each year to provide our service. In addition to the many welcome donations received a number of fundraising events are organised. Planning for fundraising events in 2018 is already well underway and we have a couple of dates for your diaries. More details will follow in the New Year.

**Friday 2nd February 2019:** Bollywood Night, Larkrise School, Trowbridge

**25th March 2018:** Wrestling at Longmeadow Community Centre, Trowbridge

The success of each event relies on enthusiastic participation and they are always a lot of fun so please come along and support them if you can.

## OUT DOOR PLAY

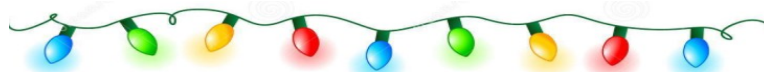
Here at Stepping Stones, we take every opportunity to include Outdoor Play as part of your child's session. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outdoor play, whatever the weather.



## LISTENING TO PARENT / CARER VIEWS

Stepping Stones is a charity run by a Management Committee made up of past and present parents/carer's and volunteer professional and friends of our organisation. To ensure Stepping Stones properly reflects the views and needs of all the parents/carers who use our service we would like to encourage you as a current parent / carer to participate by attending Committee meetings. Meetings are held approximately 6 times per year, here at Stepping Stones usually on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more please speak to Debbie or Barbara.

Minutes of our meetings are always available to view outside Debbie's office or please ask for a copy.



*Please don't forget to regularly check our on-site Notice Board, our Facebook page and our Website for regular News/Events... Please also remember to check above your child's peg for letters going home so you don't miss anything!!*

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