

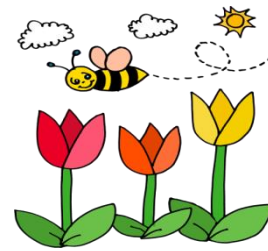


# Stepping Stones

Newsletter

## Spring 2020

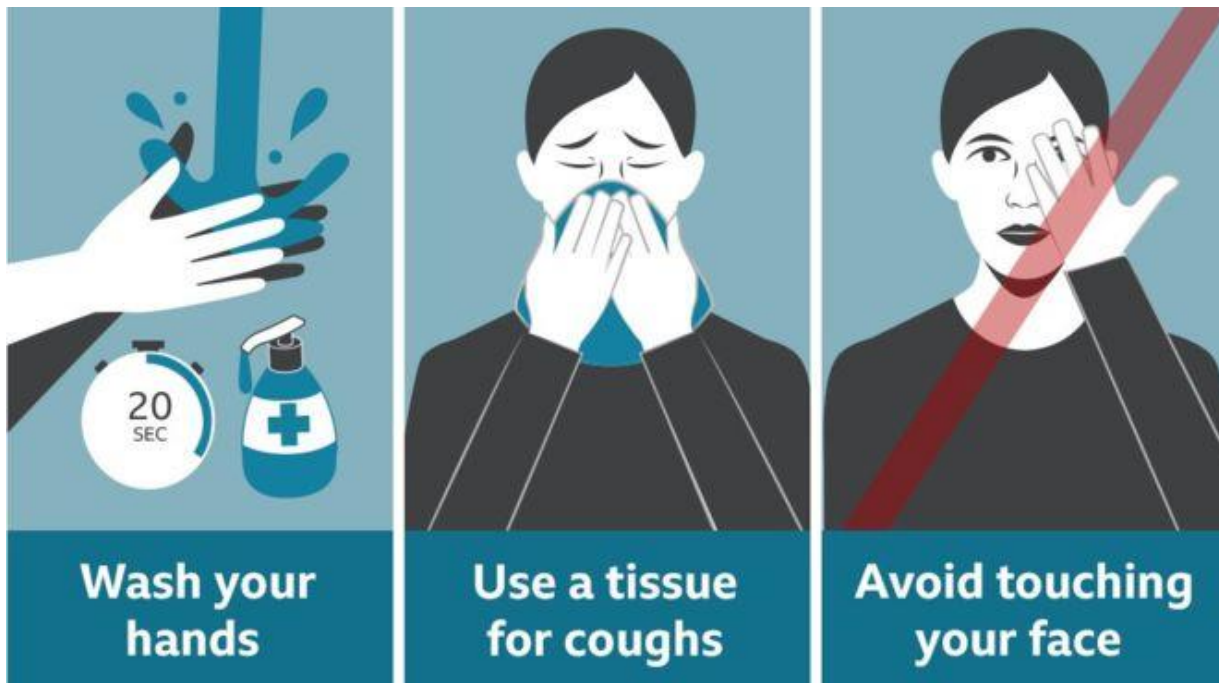
Welcome to our Spring Newsletter



Well it's been a soggy start to 2020 and I'm sure by now we are all fed up with constant rain and looking forward to the sunshine. Whatever the weather spending time outside in the garden is still an important part of each session so please ensure your child is fully equipped with appropriate clothing for all weathers ie coats, wellies & sun hats. Don't forget to ensure all items are **named**.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

It has probably not escaped your notice but along with the usual coughs and sneezes present at this time of year a new health concern is currently causing a lot of concern. Here at Stepping Stones we are monitoring developments closely and will adhere to any Public Health guidance on Infection Control. This advice may override the stated Stepping Stones policy. **Stepping Stones will endeavour to keep our service running as normal unless directed otherwise – we will keep parents up to date via the usual methods.**



### Medication Reminder

Only medication prescribed by your Doctor and required whilst your child is with us in session will normally be administered. Please bring your child's medication in its original packaging with the pharmacy label on both the box and bottle/inhaler and ensure it is handed to your child's Keyworker. Signed authorisation must be given to enable our staff to give medication. If your child's medical needs change please inform Judy or Keyworker.

## Ofsted Outstanding

We are all delighted that Stepping Stones was once again awarded **Outstanding** in all areas of our early year's provision following our recent Ofsted inspection.

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive Outstanding judgement and we are extremely proud of this achievement.

The Management Committee are particularly proud of the references made in the report that

- "There is an exceptional partnership" with parents
- Children flourish in the extremely nurturing caring environment.
- Children make excellent progress based on their individual starting points

I am sure as parents/carers you would join me in thanking the staff for all the hard work, commitment and dedication that they bring to Stepping Stones to make it a place to be proud of.

A copy of the Inspection Report can be accessed in the corridor outside Debbie's office, on the Ofsted website or our website and/or Facebook page. If you would like a hard copy please speak to Barbara in the office.



## Management Committee – Chair and Treasurer Positions



We are looking for a very special person to take over from Martin Coles, Chair of our Management Committee after 15 years. Martin has been an invaluable member of the Stepping Stones Family and will be greatly missed when he steps down at the AGM in July.

The Management Committee have overall responsibility for the Control and Management of Stepping Stones, however The Manager of Stepping Stones assumes day to day responsibilities. The main role of the Chair of the Management Committee is to support this work when appropriate.

As a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee it is important that we find someone to take on this vital role. We are also still looking for someone willing to take on the role of Treasurer of the Management Committee. This role oversees the finances and gives reports to the Committee at each meeting. The role **does not** involve working directly on the day to day finances which are done by Barbara in the Office.

***If you are interested, or know of a suitable person who made be interested in either of these roles Debbie or Barbara would love to hear from you and would be happy to discuss what is involved.***

## Fundraising Survey

Thank you to those of you that have already completed and returned your Fundraising survey, if you haven't yet returned your form please do so before 30<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't received a form you can pick up a copy from the office.

Each year we have to raise in excess of £50,000 in order to pay for the extra therapy and support required for the children and to be able to continue to provide the service free of charge to those needing to access our services.

**Your views on the best type of fundraising for you to support and participate in are crucial in helping us to plan future successful events.**

## Donations

We are always grateful for donations of equipment that might help out our families such as double buggies and specialist buggies / equipment. If you have do have any such items that you would be happy to donate to a grateful home please contact the office.

## Social Evening & Annual General Meeting

Our Social Evening followed by a short Annual General Meeting takes place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. This is a great opportunity to meet and chat with staff as well as committee members of Stepping Stones in an informal environment. Refreshments are available from 6.30pm. Find out what we've been up to at our AGM meeting which starts at 7pm. **Everyone is welcome so please save this date to your diary.**

## Stay and Play Butterfly Sessions

Please note our Monday morning Stay and Play sessions will be **closed** due to staff meetings on the following dates:

- **20th April**
- **1st June**

## Dates for Your Diary:

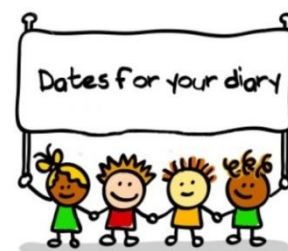
Further details for all events below can be found on our website and social media.

**Kings Arms Quiz Nights:** Monthly - 7.30pm start £2 per person – max 8 per team.

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Stepping Stones AGM:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm.

**Easter Holidays:** Final children's session Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



## We will be starting back for Term 5 of 2019/2020 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Please find attached a copy of Wiltshire Council Term dates for 2019/2020. Please note however, Parents/Carers will be notified in advance of any dates the Setting will be closed for Staff Training. Dates for your Diaries are always regularly updated on our Website as well.

***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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	August/September					October					November				
Monday		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Thursday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Friday	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		

	December					January					February					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Friday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		

	March					April					May					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	
Friday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	

	June					July					August/September						
Monday		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	1
Wednesday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	2	
Thursday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		
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Bank and Public Holidays 2019/2020			
Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2019	Term 1	38
Boxing Day Holiday	28th December 2019	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2020	Term 3	30
Good Friday	10th April 2020	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	13th April 2020	Term 5	24
May Day Holiday	4th May 2020	Term 6	38
Spring Bank Holiday	25th May 2020	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	31st August 2020		

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.  
Dates are correct at time of publication.