

## STEPPING STONES LATEST NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and families

January 2017

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and wish a belated Happy New Year to one and all. We would like to say welcome back and a big hello to some new little people.

This term we plan to learn about **the weather** as we play throughout the winter weeks, including how to keep safe and dress in suitable clothing to keep warm and dry when we play outside. To encourage this we will be sharing some favourite cold weather stories with a cuddly toy who wants to befriend each child for a night. Please would you help us by keeping a diary of its adventures whilst it is a guest in your home, and return it to school the next day, with the diary, so that your child may share these with us before it visits another friend tomorrow.

*We stress the importance of regular attendance at Stepping Stones and ask that you contact us if your child is unwell, thus will be absent from the group.*

*Please also ensure that we always have your most recent contact numbers in case of an emergency.*

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** We have children attending on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday who have a peanut allergy, so please do not include any products containing peanuts in your own child's packed lunch, or at least alert staff if this cannot be avoided, thank you! Please would you also cut up any grapes that you include in packed lunches, into quarters, to avoid any choking hazards.

We value your contribution to your child's "Learning Journey", which is available to you at any time; and look forward to sharing progress and successes with you. We will begin **parent meetings from the week beginning January 23<sup>rd</sup>**; further information about these will be written on the outdoor easel. Perhaps you would like to include some **WOW** stickers for achievements at home.

*Pupil Premium Update we are continuing to focus on our social skills, taking turns, sharing and listening to each other: whilst promoting healthy lifestyles and choices.*

**Reading book scheme:** Please bring your child's reading book in for exchange as this two way scheme is vitally important for each individual child's development, with a short comment in the diary.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday for our older children.

Once per week for our two year old children.

New books will be placed in your child's pigeon hole with any other correspondence for your collection.

**Children under two years old:** *Newlyn Nippers and Tiddlers* is a parent-led playgroup for Mums with bumps and parents/carers with children up to the age of 2 years of age, held in the school hall on Friday mornings from 9.15 - 10.45 am

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, please do so, or email us at [steppingstones@newlyn.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:steppingstones@newlyn.cornwall.sch.uk) or keep in touch for positive comments and updates via face book on: steppingstonespreschoolnewlyn . We would love to hear from you!

**Stepping Stones will close on the last day of this half term for health and Safety training, therefore half term will be from Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, returning on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Keep safe and warm!**

*Sue and Co*