

STEPPING STONES LATEST NEWSLETTER

Dear parents,

March 2017

As we begin another half term, we plan to think about the **People who help us**, especially on Mothering Sunday, and how we can help others for Comic Relief, before we celebrate **Easter** together.

Your child's Progress updates

This term we are continuing with parents meetings to share your child's progress and success and set some "next steps" of learning. We will make your child's Learning Journey available for you over the next few weeks and pop your child's name on the easel, to keep you informed of when it is "your turn!"

If you would like to share something wonderful about your child in this "Journey", please complete a WOW comment bubble and give it to us!

The sharing of the reading books that we offer is another vital way of keeping in touch with children's progress, especially in the development of language and communication, so please remember to return their diaries and the book, putting them in your child's pigeon hole, to exchange for another one. (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 3 and 4 year olds; Mondays, preferably, for 2 year olds)

THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN is hugely important to us all; therefore please **keep gates securely fastened**. Our neighbours ask us on a regular basis, to remind you that the lane to Creeping lane at the back of Stepping Stones is **private, and not for parent use please**. We know, as with most schools, that access is not good, and if parking is not possible close to Carne Road, we wonder if an alternative route could include walking down creeping lane, leaving your car at the Lidden, at the top of the school field?

HEALTH AND SAFETY: We have children attending on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday who have a peanut allergy, so please be vigilant with your own child's packed lunch on those days, thank you! Please would you also cut up any grapes or cherry tomatoes that you include in packed lunches, to avoid any choking hazards.

Pupil Premium update for the older children: We hope that you find the Learning Together packs that your child brings home each week, enjoyable - don't let them become a chore, we want you to have fun with your child. The evaluation slips are important to us, to include in your child's learning journey, but similarly we don't want to put you under any pressure. We are providing a new pack each week, on a Wednesday or Friday, and remind you that they remain the property of Stepping Stones at all times.

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. It is held in the school hall and includes stimulating activities in a safe, healthy, flexible and inclusive environment on Friday mornings from 9.15 - 10.45 am.

Kidzone Breakfast Club: is available for children from the ages of 3-11, at Stepping Stones, from 8am to school time, costing £2.00 per child

Further information and photos are available on the web site below, and if you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, please do so, or email us, we would love to hear from you at: steppingstones@newlyn.cornwall.sch.uk or log onto the web site www.newlynschool.co.uk

The last day of term will be 31st March, returning after Easter on Wednesday 19th April.

Many thanks,

Sue and Co