***STEPPING STONES LATEST NEWSLETTER***

Dear one and all, November 2019

We hope you had a good half term break and are now ready to CELEBRATE with us throughout this term. We plan to explore colours whilst lighting up the sky for Guy Fawkes night, Divali and Hanukkah; to promote our BRITISH VALUES whilst we remember things and people that are special to us; think about Children in Need; and enjoy the anticipation and preparations for Christmas.

**Friday 15th Nov** we would like to **celebrate Children in need by all of us wearing our pyjamas!** We will be making a collection for the cause and a small contribution would be greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped us to raise **£75 for Macmillan Cancer Support, a wonderful effort**, for a worthy cause!

\* If your child was born between **1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016**, you must apply for a school place by **15th January 2019.** You may do this on line at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

**Your child’s Progress updates:** Each term your child will have a focused observation,which we would like to share with parents to celebrate success and chat about progress and agree some “next steps”, together. *We will post information of meetings on the outdoor easel when it is “your turn!”.*

Perhaps you would like to include some **WOW** stickers for achievements at home.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

***With our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, we are continuing with the Healthy Early Years program and will introduce two new initiatives: Healthy Movers and Brighter Smiles tooth care. We hope that you will become involved:***

***Please would you also cut up any grapes/cherry tomatoes (or similar) that you include in packed lunches to avoid any choking hazards.***

ATTENDANCE: It is an Ofsted requirement to report poor attendance for funded children

\*\*It is always necessary to keep us informed of absence by phone or email

**Pupil Premium funding:** This year we have decided to focus on our *social skills, - relationships, taking turns and listening to each other; keeping healthy and making healthy choices.*

**30 hour funding requests need to be with us by 6thDecember for us to check eligibility before next term please**

We will post our Christmas program of dates on the outdoor easel, Provisional dates are:

13/12 Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Fayre for Stepping Stones children and families/friends

18/12 Children’s Christmas lunch for the morning children...exciting times ahead!

This term finishes on **Thursday 19th December returning on Monday** **06/01/20**

***There is a possibility that there may be an ‘After School Provision’ for children aged 3-11 years, beginning in January 2002. Please enquire at Stepping Stones.***

Many thanks,

Sue and Co