

## STEPPING STONES LATEST NEWSLETTER

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 **£100 for Macmillan Cancer Support**, a wonderful effort, for a worthy cause!

\* If your child was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013**, you must apply for a school place by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. You may do this on line at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

**Your child's Progress updates:** Each child has had a focused observation this term, which we would like to share with parents. We will begin with our new two year olds this term, then arrange days at the beginning of next term, to share your child's profile, progress and success and agree some "next steps", for our older children. *We will post information of meetings on the outdoor easel in January.*

### HEALTH AND SAFETY:

In our commitment to **Healthy Early Years**, we wish to remind parents that the children's own drinking bottles that you bring in each day, are designed for **WATER**, we do not advise juice as it contains

"e numbers" that we are told are unhealthy for our children.

**We also need to remind all parents to be vigilant when making packed lunches, especially on a Monday and Wednesday, not to include any foods, such as peanuts, peanut butter etc in your own child's packed lunch, as this could cause an allergic reaction to one of our young ladies. Thank you!**

**Please would you also cut up any grapes that you include in packed lunches to avoid any choking hazards.**

**ATTENDANCE: It is an Ofsted requirement to report poor attendance for funded children** and attendance has been quite good this term, Well done!!

**\*\*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, taking turns, sharing and listening to each other*. We will be sending our older children home with our Learning Together packs, on a Tuesday, for the children to share with parents each week, and return for a new pack when finished.

**We will post our Christmas program of dates on the outdoor easel, Provisional dates are 6/12 Parents "mince pie and play day"; 13/12 Children's Christmas party...exciting times ahead!**

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) we would love to hear from you.

The last day of this term is Tuesday 20th December.....Many thanks, *Sue and Co*