



## Committee Newsletter - November 2013

Welcome back to the Christmas term at Stepping Stones. We are all looking forward to celebrating with you and your families at this exciting time of year.

We now have a new committee

Chair: Diane Charter (Lana's mum)

Secretary: Sarah Lewcock (Sam's mum)

Treasurer: Becky Hill (Lucy's mum)

We are still short on volunteers for fundraising or grant research if anyone has any spare time.

- **Parking**

One of our pre-school children was nearly run over one lunchtime last term, due to a car parked on the pavement directly outside the hall not looking as they reversed off the pavement. Please be extra careful if you do need to pick up by car.

- **Website**

Please take the time to look at our website. Sarah and Diane have been busy making some great changes, including a what's coming up noticeboard. [www.steppingstonesbath.co.uk](http://www.steppingstonesbath.co.uk)

- **New children**

Although we love being a small group, we do need to recruit some new children! Please help by putting up a poster at a toddler group or local shop, putting a nice comment on Mums net if you use it and generally try and spread the word!

- **Parent Rota**

Now the children have settled in it would be lovely to see some parents in to play, help with snack, help us with our toy wash, or read, play, make things with the children. The rota can be found on the folding noticeboard

- **Family Photo**

Could you please bring in a photograph of your family for our noticeboard. This is for the children to look at whilst they are here and the children love to see them. Thanks to those who have sent in already.

- **Encouraging good behaviour**

We are sending home a book called Scooby's Stepping Stones Adventure! It outlines our routines to the children, and reminds them of our Golden Rules. Please read it at home with your children.

Please also take a note of these diary dates for the rest of the term:

- **In-Service day - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Just to remind you that the staff have a training day and Stepping Stones will be shut on that Tuesday.

- **Photographer - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Our usual photographer Lorraine Neville will be visiting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is invited to come in for this and if you would like to bring siblings please do and we will fit you in at the beginning where possible.

- **Parent's stay and play session - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Please stay on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour at 9.30. Dagmar who works for the Library service will be reading stories and giving out Book start packs. Sara and Paige have been attending Story Making training and will share some ideas with you. All families welcome even if it is not your usual day.

- **Christmas celebration in the church**

Robert has offered again to lead a low key Christmas celebration - date to be confirmed.

- **Pre-school Christmas Craft afternoon Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 - 5.30.**

We are sending home raffle tickets and posters for our Christmas craft afternoon, please ask your friends, neighbours etc to come! All helpers welcome, please see Diane Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 - 5.30.

- **Church Christmas Fair - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 - 8.00 pm. Last year we set up a teddy stall so will hopefully do something similar to support the church this year, details to follow.

- **Christmas party & last day of term - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

All children welcome to attend! We finish on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, usually we bring food to share at the party, we will put up a list nearer the time.