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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break whilst enjoying the Olympics and the best of the summer weather. A special WELCOME if you have joined us recently, we hope you and your child are settling in and enjoying your time with us.

Dates for your Diary

Tue 2nd October – Committee Meeting: To be held after the morning session in the hall. We would like to invite all parents to attend this meeting as it is a good way to ask questions, give suggestions and to see what goes on behind the scenes. We usually bring lunch for ourselves and children and often a DVD is played whilst the adults do some planning.

26th October – Term Ends

5th November – Term Starts

Do ask a member of staff for the list of proposed holiday times.

Urgent Need – We are a committee run pre-school and, by law, must have a Chairperson (?), Secretary (Andrea – Sarah's mum) and a Treasurer (Kerrie – Mae's mum). We need a parent, grandparent or carer willing to be the Chairperson for this year's committee. If you would like to know more, please speak to Nicky or our current Chairperson, Sarah Savidge, who will be at pre-school every Friday.

Fundraising – We rely greatly upon our fundraising efforts throughout the year as our B&NES funding is not enough. Last year, with the help of some enthusiastic parents, we raised £5,000. If you have an interest or a flare for fundraising, please let Nicky know as we would love to have you on our fundraising team.

Come and Help – We really value your help during the morning sessions and as a result a rota will be available for you to sign up. If everyone could help once a term to prepare the snack, help with craft and to wash the plates, our children will really benefit from this. It's also a great opportunity to be a fly on the wall and observe your child for the morning! Please see notice board for other great reasons why it's good to help. Also, if you have a particular skill or interest e.g. cooking, a friendly dog, a great singing voice, we would love to hear from you.

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Reminders

- Please provide your child with a named water bottle that they bring with them for each session;
- Show and tell will be happening every Monday morning so do encourage your child to bring in something that they could give a brief explanation of in front of a small number of children. This really promotes speaking out and sharing ideas;
- Do label all items of clothes that come to pre-school as things can get misplaced.

Pre-school Funding

Stepping Stones relies on its early years grant from B&NES for its running costs. We receive £3.55 per child per hour, and parents are entitled to claim 15 free hours per week.

Nicky will be asking you to sign the headcount form this week; this is to claim the B&NES funding, covering the weeks up until Christmas. We would ask you to consider increasing your hours. However, Pre-school is not compulsory and should you feel it is too much you do not need to send your child to every session.