



Newsletter - January 2015

Happy New Year!

A big thank you to Emily (Elliot's mum) for setting up our new Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please have a look and "like" them!

<https://www.facebook.com/steppingstonesbath>

https://twitter.com/Stepping_Bath

1. Committee News

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 28th January after session, we will be planning our next fundraiser - a quiz night. All are welcome to attend. We need to find someone to set the questions for the quiz, even if you are unable to attend and would love to set a quiz please let me know.

2. Fundraising

Please have a look at our new dressing up trolley which we bought from the proceeds of the Christmas Fair - it is really lovely, the children are really loving checking themselves out in the mirror.

3. Cold weather

Please can you remember to send your children in with warm clothes, hats and gloves (even if they don't like wearing them). We always aim to have an hour's active play in the morning even on cold days and when we go for a walk we make the children hold onto the walking rings, their hands get freezing! If they have gloves in their pockets we can always put them on! If they are

wearing wellies can they wear thick socks, or double socks as their feet get so cold!

4. Library

We are really excited that every Monday morning we are going to Moorland Road library for a story and activity session (weather permitting). It is run by library volunteers and we are particularly pleased one of them is a man as we are such a female environment!

5. Staff news

You may have noticed we have a new member of staff! Kirsty Barrow has joined the Stepping Stones team to replace Paige when she leaves us in the summer after finishing her apprenticeship.

Kirsty is mum to Jake (who is at Oldfield Park Junior School) and Isabel (at Oldfield Park Infants school) Both her children attended Stepping Stones, and she helped loads on the Parent Rota last year so is very familiar with our routines.

6. B&ES Big Porridge Day - Friday 6th March

B&NES are trying to get as many children to enjoy a healthy breakfast together. Please come and join your child for some breakfast and stories. Anytime from 9.15, even if it is not your normal day!

7. Litter Pick - date tbc

Our local councillor June has asked us to help with a litter pick in our area, we will let you know the date as soon as it has been organised.

8. Session charges

We have been looking at how much we are charging for our sessions and we would like to increase the amount we are charging from after the Easter holidays (term 5 & 6) We are planning on charging £3.55 per hour which will take us in line with the money we receive from B&NES. This will be for children who are already three.

9. Parent Noticeboard/rota

Please remember to check the noticeboard for information, we always love having parent helpers, particularly on days when we are cooking or going for

a walk. If your child is new it is best to let them settle for a few weeks before offering to help.

Dates for your diary

2014/2015 Term Dates	
Term 1	
Staff in-service day (pre-school closed)	Wednesday 3 rd September 2014
Start:	Thursday 4 th September 2014
Harvest Festival in Ascension Church	Thursday 9 th October 2014
Finish:	Wednesday 22 nd October 2014
Term 2	
Start:	Monday 3 rd November 2014
Staff in-service day (pre-school closed)	Thursday 13 th November 2014
Cooking workshop 11.30 – 12.30	11 th November 2014
Committee meeting	11 th November 2014
Christmas Craft Afternoon	5 th December 3.30 – 5.30
Finish and Christmas Party:	Tuesday 16 th December 2014
Term 3:	
Staff in-service day (pre-school closed)	Monday 5 th January 2015
Start:	Tuesday 6 th January 2015
Committee meeting	Wednesday 28 th January 2015
Finish	Friday 13 th February 2015
Term 4:	
Start:	Monday 23 rd February 2015
B&NES Big Breakfast 9.00	Friday 6 th March
Staff in-service day (pre-school closed)	Thursday 12 th March 2015
Litter pick	tbc
Finish:	Friday 27 th March 2015
Term 5	
Start:	Monday 13 th April 2015
Finish:	Friday 22 nd May 2015
Term 6	
Start:	Monday 1 st June 2015
Staff in-serviced day (pre-school closed)	Thursday 11 th June 2015
Finish and summer party	Wednesday 15 th July 2015

	<p>Public Holidays</p> <p>25 December 2014 – Christmas Day</p> <p>26 December 2014 – Boxing Day</p> <p>01 January 2015 – New Year’s Holiday</p> <p>03 April 2015 – Good Friday</p> <p>06 April 2015 – Easter Monday</p> <p>04 May 2015 – May Day Bank Holiday</p> <p>25 May 2015 – Spring Bank Holiday</p>
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