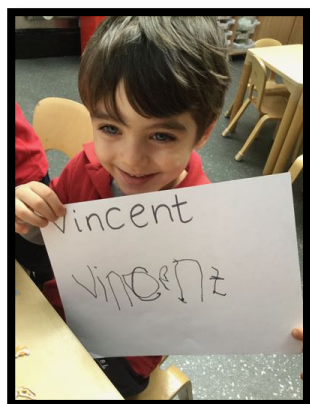


StepStones Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:

- 6th May** **OPEN DAY**
10am - 12.30pm
@ SS
- 14th - 17th
April** **EASTER HOLIDAY**
NURSERY CLOSED
- 18th April** **INSET DAY -**
NURSERY CLOSED



March Madness!

The nights are getting lighter, which certainly brings a smile to most - and hopefully spring is on the way. We have another busy month ahead, including a visit to Carterhatch Fire Station (TBC) and hopefully a local dentist!

Our theme for this month is based on "People who Help Us." Our role-play area will take on the guise of a Fire Station. The children will be involved in dressing up and acting out roles of policemen, nurses, doctors etc., alongside lots of activities that encourage children to learn about the job roles of those professionals who help us. If you have a career in this field and would like to come into nursery to offer a small demonstration, please let us know and we shall help to make it happen

Thank you in anticipation.

OPEN DAY @ STEPSTONES, 6th May 2017

If you have friends, relatives, neighbours or just know someone who might be interested in visiting our nursery - please tell them we have an Open Day on Saturday the 6th May from 10am until 12.30pm.



Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes to:

Miles, Alannah, Charlie B,
Noah, Rupert & Elijah

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If your child is 2 or 3 in
March - please
remember to adjust
your fees accordingly
for April.



For your Information

There are going to be some dramatic changes to the 3/4 year old funding, as the Government are introducing up to 30 hours 'FREE' childcare nationwide. So far we have been given very little information regarding the actual hourly amount being offered in Enfield, even though we are expected to make a decision as to whether as a business we can offer the extra 15 hours. Currently we struggle to cover the costs of funded places and we are not sure as to whether we can offer the extra hours to all eligible families.

If you want further information regarding eligibility please use this link <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>. If you would like to see full and more detailed documents about how the providers are to manage the offer - you can visit this very useful document, which has been prepared by the Pre-School Learning Alliance

https://www.pre-school.org.uk/sites/default/files/funding_and_delivery_guide_final.pdf

Early Years Pupil Premium

EYPP is the government's additional funding scheme that aims to improve the education provided for some 3-4 year old children, who attend any early years setting that provides education and care to under 5s, such as child-minders and nurseries. The EYPP allocates 53p an hour funding per child, which amounts to just over £302 in a year. A child's eligibility to EYPP funding can seem complicated, but essentially it is available for children aged 3-4 years old whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. If your child is eligible for the EYPP, make sure you take advantage of extra money your childcare provider can use to help him or her get the best possible preparation for school. For my information please visit http://www.enfield.gov.uk/if/info/44/free_early_years_education/192/eypp_early_years_pupil_premium If you have any questions or think you may be eligible, please speak with Kaye or Catherine. There is a simple form to complete and the rest is taken care of by the nursery.