

StepStones Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:

30th March - 2nd April **EASTER HOLIDAY
NURSERY CLOSED**

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dates for the year ahead



March Madness!

Thank goodness the snow has all melted away and it has warmed up a bit. As the nights are getting lighter it certainly brings a smile to most - and hopefully spring is on the way. We have another busy month ahead, celebrating Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Our theme for this month is based on "Traditional Tales" Our role-play area will take on the guise of 'The Three Bears Cottage'. The children will be involved in dressing up and acting out roles of their favourite book characters, alongside lots of activities that encourage children to embrace and foster a love of reading. We shall also be holding another themed day this month, with Turkey being our inspiration.



Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes to:

Miles, Otis, Harry, Evie
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

Please ensure that you have checked your eligibility for the 30 hours. You will need to complete our T & C's Funding Offer, along with a Parental Declaration Form (even if you only plan to take up the 15 hours). These are available either from the office or you can email Kaye directly for an electronic copy.

If you want further information regarding eligibility please use this link <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>.

If you already receive your 30 hours, please ensure that you have reconfirmed your eligibility for the next funding period.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED FOR CHILDCARE VOUCHERS VIA YOUR EMPLOYER THE SCHEME WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. YOU WILL THEN HAVE TO USE THE GOVERNMENTS TAX FREE CHILDCARE SCHEME, AS THERE WILL BE NO OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE

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/eyppe_early_years_pupil_premium If you have any questions or think you may be eligible, please speak with Kaye. There is a simple form to complete and the rest is taken care of by the nursery.