

January 2020

 Dear Parents

 A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the

festive season!! Please accept this thank you for all the wonderful Christmas presents you gave us we were definitely very spoilt. Brenda, Harriet, Gemma , Beth and Fliss.

I hope you liked the Nativity DVD, I am very grateful to Emma Welling who very kindly produced the DVD’s for us. She is an excellent photographer, specialising in wildlife and animals, although she has been known to do a few children! Her website is www.spindletreephotography.co.uk please consider her if you want a really special photo taken.

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This term our project is on ‘Weather’ it is a good term for this project as we usually have a good variety of conditions!

We have had a change round with the time table this term to enable as many children as possible a wide range of subjects to explore. Monday will be project in the morning and science in the afternoon Tuesday small maths groups, Wednesday Music for all and craft/art in the afternoon, Thursday small language groups in the morning and Geography in the afternoon and Friday music for all and gym in the afternoon. That is what it looks like on paper, but as always is subject to change so that we can be led by the children and their interests.



During the week of the 26th January which is the beginning of the Chinese New Year, we will be doing various art activities connected with the ‘rat’ which is this year’s animal.

![MC900232157[1]]()We are hoping to have free-flow to outside everyday, the children enjoy this learning opportunity and are becoming expert at putting on their own coats. As you will of noticed I am on a mission to get ALL boots and shoes named, please also make sure coats, hats and gloves are named they don’t always get back on the right peg, a change of clothes in a draw string bag are needed.

Bertie Bear has had a quiet time recently. He is kept busy during the week but would love to go visiting at weekends. It doesn’t have to be a special occasion coming home for tea and a sleepover is of just as much value, as it gives the children a chance to talk about what they did with him even if it is feeding the ducks or going to the playground. If you would like him to come home for a weekend please let us know, Bertie has his own diary so he can have a record of his adventures and then he can share them with us all at circle time.

During circle time we will be looking at social skills, greetings, taking turns, sharing, listening to others,

being kind etc. If there is a subject you would like us to look at please let us know. We always welcome anything brought in from home that we can share at circle time particularly if it is connected to our project, or a story to read at story time. **But please not toys** (they tend to get lost, forgotten or even broken)**.**

A date for your diaries, on Monday 23rd March we will be having an open morning between 9.30am and 12 mid-day. This will be an opportunity for you to see the children working with the activities you have heard about from your children and learn about the materials we use. Please bring any friends who may be interested in what we do to come and have a look, we do need to get the message out there that we are an OUTSTANDING nursery, please help us.

After the Easter holidays we will be doing a collection of unwanted clothes, shoes & linens, to recycle again this year We are going to use Bag2School this year and hope to raise funds in order for me to keep the fees at as reasonable rate as possible.

A few reminders.

![MC900419360[1]]()![clipart-house-house_on_hill_scene_color_2[1]]() Please take care in the car park. Use the in and out gates appropriately, drive slowly both in and out and park considerately! Remember there may be a child about! If you need help when carrying bags and babies to the car please ask, we are always happy to help.

![egg_shells250[1]]() As usual we continue to need washed and dried egg shells. Birthday cards for cutting and

 sticking and foil milk bottle tops.

![MC900232157[1]]()We do go outside every day so please provide boots and coats. **Please** name coats, boots and shoes we do have children with not only the same shoes but also the same size feet!!. Whilst we are on the subject of shoes please NO laces. It is impossible for children to gain

 independence with lace up shoes at this age.

Is your child potty training? They have to have clothes that are easy to manage in order to give them every opportunity of success, so undoing belts, braces and dungarees does not help!

![MC900234271[1]]()If your child is not able to come on a particular day or will be more than a few minutes late please give us a ring or text on the number above. Our morning does start at 9am I am aware that some children will always be a few minutes late due to other school runs but please get to Little Steps as close to 9am as possible.

 Have you changed address or phone number? We need to know.

Please remember to tell us of any change at home which may affect your child, anything from a pet dying to a parent working away can unsettle young children and it helps us to help them if we know. Rest assured anything we are told at Little Steps is completely confidential. Please also make sure we know who is collecting your child unless it is already an established routine. In an emergency a phone call or text will do.

Please remember that we do have an open-door policy at Little Steps you always welcome to come in and talk to your child’s key worker and see their work. If you ever have any concerns or questions about your child’s development, nursery activities or policies please do come and talk to one of us or give me a ring.

Thank you for your continued support.

Brenda

Dates for the diary:-

**Half term**  Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

**Open Day** Monday 23rd March 9.30am - 12.00

**End of term** Friday 3rd April Party for ALL 9am-1pm

**Start of Summer Term** Monday 20th April

**Bank holiday** closure Friday 8th May

**Half Term** Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

**End of term**  Wednesday15th July Party for ALL 9am - 1pm

**Holiday club** Monday 20th July - Friday 14th August (numbers permitting) for children aged 2-8yrs![MC900232157[1]]()