



# February 2020 Newsletter

## Policies

Please remember to have a look at our 'Policy of the Month'. This is displayed in the foyer.

Our policy of the month is:

Risk Assessment policy

Any comments or suggestions with regards to this are appreciated. Please speak to a member of staff or post your comments in the box in the foyer.



Please remember to dress your little one for the weather, providing a hat, scarf and gloves for the colder days. Just push these into a jacket sleeve so that we can easily find them. Also, please make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

This year, we will be continuing to support our local foodbank in Coatbridge. Our donations at the end of 2019 were very well-received and your donations benefitted many local families. Our basket remains in the reception area - please feel free to add to this when you can.

Many thanks!



As Valentine's Day approaches and love is in the air, here are a few book suggestions to share with your little one...

'The Hug' by Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar

'I love you to the moon and back' by Tim Warnes

## Contact us!

As always, the nursery operates an open door policy.

Our Depute Manager, Jordan, is available daily from 9.30am - 5.00pm, in person, via email or telephone to deal with any queries.

We also welcome any suggestions you may have. These can be emailed or posted in our Comments and Suggestions box.

The nursery owner/managers, Carol-Ann and Caroline can be contacted directly on the email below.

Email:  
[info@steppingstonesnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@steppingstonesnurseryschool.co.uk)



Care Inspectorate No:  
**CS2010238277**

## Fairtrade Fortnight 24<sup>th</sup> February - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Children in our Discovery Zone will be using a variety of Fairtrade ingredients in their baking, cooking and in their nursery snacks. We look forward to sharing our Fairtrade experiences with you during these few weeks.



## Speech and Language concerns?



Speech and Language Services hold a drop-in clinic, on the first Monday of every month in **Airdrie Community Health Centre** from **2pm - 4pm**. If you would like some advice on your child's speech, language or communication, there will be a Speech and Language Therapist available to speak to you on a first come first served basis. You do not need to bring your child along to this session.

The next few sessions are:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020



### Dates for your Diary

#### Holiday Dates 2020

Copies of nursery holiday dates for 2020 are now available.

Holiday dates are displayed in the reception area, facebook page and on our website.

#### National Homemade Soup Day Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Please share your favourite family soup recipes with us. You can email them to

[info@steppingstonesnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@steppingstonesnurseryschool.co.uk)

or write them down and pop them in our Comments and Suggestions box in the reception area.

Here's one of the easiest ones to make...

#### Cauliflower Soup

1 bag of frozen cauliflower florets  
Chicken Stock

Tip the full bag of florets into a saucepan

Add 1 litre of chicken stock

Boil until florets are soft

Then blend into a smooth soup

Add salt and pepper to taste

Add a splash of cream for a creamier soup, or a handful of grated cheese for a 'cauliflower cheese' kind of taste, or some chilli powder for a bit of heat!

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### EXPLORER ZONE

If you've not already handed in photographs for our 'Family Wall', could you please hand in a couple of photographs of family members. This is a valuable link between home and nursery, encouraging children to recognise familiar family members, pointing to them and making an attempt to say their names.

### ADVENTURE ZONE

Our curiosity tables have been full of exciting things to try - printing with lemons and limes, using gloop (which mysteriously changes from its solid form to running between our fingers) and bringing 'frost' inside which made our hands cold and very wet.

### DISCOVERY ZONE

#### Sid and Shanarri bags

At some point, your child will be bringing home one of our 'Sid and Shanarri' bags to share with you at home. Can we please ask that you return this to nursery after a couple of days, with all resources in good condition and returned with the bag. Thankyou.

#### Bringing toys from home

We understand that some children like to bring a familiar toy from home to help them to settle fully into the nursery playroom. However, please be aware that smaller toys like Polly Pockets, Hatchimals, LOL dolls etc are very easily lost and so might not be the best choice for a comfort toy for nursery.

### Nursery Photograph Sessions :

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

All children attending on these days will be taken for their photographs by staff. There is no obligation to buy.

Children who do not attend the nursery on a Tuesday or a Wednesday will have a chance to make an appointment to come in to get their photograph taken.

Please look out for further information in the reception area, or speak to a member of staff.

### Stay and Play Days in Discovery Zone

Discovery Zone's 'Stay and Play' event will run on **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March 2020**. This is a great chance for parents of Discovery Zone children to join your child at nursery for a short period of time - see what they get up to during their time with us!

More details to follow shortly.

