



Newsletter December 2011

Dear Parents & Carers,

May I start our Christmas Newsletter with a huge thank you to all who made last Saturday's Craft Fair such a great success. Thanks to all who came to enjoy the atmosphere, browse the stalls and eat the cakes! Thank you to all who made the cakes, helped with preparations or cleared up. It made a huge difference! We raised a fantastic £361.53!

WRAP UP WARM!

It's getting a wee bit nippy, as my dad would say, so please ensure your child has warm clothes, wellies, and named coat and gloves for Playgroup. We will continue to use the outside space as much as possible.

FRUIT

We are keen to offer a healthy snack at Playgroup, but are finding that fruit takes a healthy bite out of our weekly budget. Would parents & carers be prepared to bring in one piece of fruit each week as a contribution to the children's snack? Please let Caroline know your thoughts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13th December— Christmas Toddlers

Thursday 15th December— Playgroup

Christmas Party

Friday 16th December— Christmas Toddlers

Monday 19th December>> Christmas Holidays

>>Tuesday 3rd January-

Wednesday 4th January— Playgroup reopens

Friday 6th January— Toddlers reopens

CHRISTMAS TODDLERS

Father Christmas will be present! If you would like your child to receive a gift from him, please wrap a small book with your child's name on, and bring it on the day. It would help us with catering if you could sign up & pay in advance for the Christmas Toddler Sessions, as there will be party food provided. A sign up sheet will be available.

PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Father Christmas will be present here too! If you would like your child to receive a gift from him, please wrap a small book with your child's name on, and bring it on the day. We ask parents & carers if they could contribute some party food. A sign up sheet will be available nearer the time.

BOUNCY CHAIRS

Does anyone have a bouncy chair that they no longer need and would be happy to donate to Stepping Stones? Ours have been well used!

FUNDRAISING

Amount raised this term:

October Coffee Morning:	£67.20
Tempest Photography:	£27.96
Messy Play:	c. £42.00
Monstermats:	£124.30
Craft Fair:	£361.53

Monstermats

Our order will be delivered by Friday 9th December. I will bring orders in to Playgroup & Toddler Groups the week beginning Monday 12th December. If you know you will not be in those groups that week to collect your order, please let me (Claire Kangayan) or Caroline, know in advance so that we can organise collection.



Christmas Hamper

If you would like to contribute to our Hamper, there is a sign up sheet available. Please bring all donations to Playgroup or Toddlers by Friday 2nd December, with the actual value of the donation discreetly attached. You will then be able to 'Guess the Value of the Hamper' at £1 a go, from Monday 5th – Wednesday 14th December.

Coffee Morning - Monday 5th December,

9.30 to 12.15 Please do come along and join us for delicious cakes, fresh coffee and chat in the Church Halls. Phoenix Cards, Usborne books & Cupcake socks will also be there.

Carol Singing – Sunday 11th December 4-5pm If you would like to join in with some festive singing, meet up with the Stepping Stones committee at 3.45pm at 35 Manor Park!

Easyfundraising

Don't forget to do your online Christmas shopping using www.easyfundraising.org.uk! We get a percentage of what you spend.

Coffee Morning – Monday 9th January

Quiz Night – Saturday 28th January

Book your babysitters!

May Tim, myself, and all at Stepping Stones, take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas & a peaceful New Year. We look forward to more Stepping Stones adventures in 2012!

Best Wishes

Claire Kangayan & Tim Blake (Co-Chairs)

