



# September Newsletter

## Intergenerational Play

Following on from our positive and successful visits to Coundon Manor care home with our previous preschool children, we are happy to announce we are going to continue to have visits to Coundon manor care home with our new pre-school children.

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September our pre-school children will be drawing pictures for the residents at the care home, like last year they will receive a picture back from a 'buddy'.

We have arranged for the children to meet their new buddies on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the morning.

The children will continue to have visits to the care home monthly.

The reason we are continuing our visits is because research has shown children who play with adults demonstrate greater creativity and higher levels of language and problem-solving skills.

For older adults, play has psychological and health benefits, reducing stress, promoting relaxation, and giving perspective to the demands of life as they play

## Langar Aid and Donations

As you may be aware staff from nursery do some volunteer work for a local homeless charity called 'Langar Aid'. While at the shelter we help hand out snacks and drinks while we wait for the food delivery.

Each month we ask for a different donation depending on what is needed the most.

On 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be volunteering again, we have been asked if we can collect some snacks for the homeless while they wait for their hot food.

Please could we ask for individually wrapped cakes or biscuit bars with no less than 6mth expiry date? These do not need to be brand makes, supermarket own alternative is perfectly acceptable.

We ask for these to be brought into nursery before **27<sup>th</sup> September.**

Thank you for your continued support



## Facebook and Instagram

Please could we ask all parent/ carers and family members to follow our face book page

We have also launched our Instagram page which we would like you all to follow too.  
Both pages will have regular updates.

[Instagram: steppingstonesnursery](#)  
[Facebook: steppingstonesnurseries](#)

## Nursery Fees

Please could we remind all parents/ carers nursery fees are payable by 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

If you require our bank details please let Miss Dixon know and she will be happy to provide you our details.

Please can we remind all parents/ carers there will be late payment charges for any late payments made.

[www.steppingstonesnurseries.org](http://www.steppingstonesnurseries.org)

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Our P.A members are always happy to receive feedback and any comments which will be passed on to the management, you can contact them via email.

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### Employee of the Month

This month employee of the month award goes to

**Miss Kaila**



For providing great extensions to children's interests and going the extra mile in everything that she does.

Please note that we welcome parents/carer to also nominate members of staff, if you would like to do so please add a post-it note to the nomination board which is located downstairs in the hallway.

### Question of the Month!

Results from last month's Question of the month, which was

**"What do you feel is working or not working with regards to transitions?"**

**Yes = 2 No = 5**

We had 0 comments left. If answering No it would be helpful if you could kindly add a comment as this will help us identifying where and how improvements need to be made.

This month's question is

**"Are you happy with the resources in your child's new room?"**

Our question of the month is designed to be a quick and easy way for us to receive valuable feedback on our services that we offer yourselves and your children, we would appreciate if you could take a minute or two once a month to add a stone to one of the jars and if possible leave a comment. This will help us evaluate and improve our service. **Also please note it is very important NOT to let you children play with these stones as this will give us inaccurate results**  
**Thank you for your continued support!**

### Library Books

In the next few weeks we will be introducing our new library book system.

In the main hallway there will be different colored bags with books in. Each bag will have a tag hanging to show you what book is inside.

Please feel free to take a book to read to your child at bedtime, all we ask is you bring the book back in good condition and place it back in the hallway.

You are more than welcome to take a book as often as you like.

We hope you and your child enjoy reading these stories



### Uniform

Please can we remind parents that uniform is compulsory for all children except baby room. This helps children prepare for school and also helps them feel part of the nursery.

If you require a uniform order form please speak to a member of staff in your child's room.

We have plenty of stock at nursery to fulfil your order straight away.

### Pushchairs

We have noticed that several pushchairs are being left outside the nursery.

Although they are on the nursery premises, they are not as secure as they would be if they were placed in the buggy shed. Therefore, please can parents fold down pushchairs and put them into the buggy shed when dropping off their child.