



Steady Steps Nursery and Pre-school

Summer Term Newsletter 2022



It has been a busy start to the second half of the summer term, with lots of exciting teaching and learning at Steady Steps. We hope you are enjoying the regular updates we post in your Child's journal, as well as our social media posts

This year has certainly flown by, and it was so lovely to see so many of our children and families at the Jubilee picnic. It was a fabulous day with lovely weather. We really enjoyed the musical ensemble put on by the Infant and Junior schools, especially as many of the children have come through Steady Steps!

Whats happening this term?

Children leaving for Year R in September:

The staff in the Pre-School are actively engaged in a comprehensive school transition program that is aimed to ensure a smooth transition for your child into their Reception class. This involves:

Supporting children with all aspects of school readiness

Working in partnership with parents

Working collaboratively with their school

Visits and play session in Rowner Infants

Complete transition reports to share with the Year R teacher.

If you have any questions regarding your child starting in Year R please contact Julie or your child's key person. This link below is a parent guide to school readiness

<https://www.childcare.co.uk/information/school-readiness>



Graduation celebrations:

On Tuesday 14th June at 13:15
The school photographer will be in to take a Graduation themed photograph of your child in a cap and gown Please can you let your child's Key Person know if you want your child to have their photo taken?

We will be hosting a Graduation party for the children leaving us, on Thursday 21st July. Full details to follow.



Security and privacy in the pre-school garden.

Although the children are supervised at all times when in the garden, we have increased the height of the fence surrounding the Pre-School Garden; we have done this for the following reasons:

- With the introduction of tree climbing and the slack line the children have developed excellent skills in climbing and risk taking, with some being observed trying out their new skills on the fence. To mitigate any risk of a child going over the top we have raised the height of the perimeter fence.
- For additional security to children when visitors come onto the school site through the side entrance gate.

Water Play.

As the weather warms up the children will have access to more water play, including sprinklers and on planned day's paddling pools. To enable your child to take part in these activities please can you provide a change of clothes for your child in a named carrier bag



Fees:

Please can we ask that when you pay your invoice you pay the exact amount on or before the due date. When payments are not made by the due date a message will be sent. Therefore, if you know you will be paying the first week of the next month, please let me know and I can amend the due date on your invoice to avoid notifications being sent unnecessarily.

Your child may lose their place in our Setting if your account is in arrears at the end of July.

A time to celebrate.

Earlier this year we were inspected by Ofsted and achieved an Outstanding Award. This is a massive achievement for an Early Years setting. We are very proud to have been awarded an Outstanding twice in a row.

Due to Covid restrictions we had to postpone our Ofsted celebration party until now. To ensure everyone can attend we have hired Nicholson Gardens for the day on Friday 12th August, more details will be shared nearer the time, but please put this date in your diary as we would love to have as many of our families join us as possible.



September 2022:

The deadline to return your child's session request form for September is **Monday 13th June**. After this date available sessions will be allocated to children on our waiting list. To guarantee your sessions you must ensure you have returned your booking form.



Dates for the Diary:

Monday 13th June: Dead line to return September 2022 session request form

Tuesday 14th June at 13:15 – Graduation Photographs

Thursday 21st July – Graduation Party for school leavers only (details to follow)

Friday 12th August at 11 am – Celebration Party for all members of Steady Steps

We finish for
Summer on
Wednesday 20th July
at 15:20

