

First Steps Newsletter



SPRING Term 2019

We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back and a special welcome to all our new children! We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning this term!



SNOW ARRANGEMENTS

In the event of snow, we will do our best to stay open, but will usually follow the decision of Barlestone Primary School. Please listen to BBC Radio Leicester for school closures on snow days.

Activities this half term...

Ice play
Painting
Play dough
Sand play



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It is really important we can contact you!

Please make sure all contact details we hold for you are correct and up to date, in case of an emergency.

Forthcoming Events



**Wed 27th Feb 2019
6-7.30pm
Parents Evening**

We will be sending a separate letter out shortly with available time slots for your Childs parents meeting.



**Easter Eggstravaganza
12 April 3.30pm-5pm
More details to follow**



**Valentines Disco
15 Feb 5.30-7pm
More details to follow**

OPENING TIMES

Morning sessions are:

*Monday to Friday
9.00am to 12.00pm

Afternoon sessions are:

*Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
12.30pm to 3.30pm

www.childcarechoices.co.uk

You can find lots of useful information on the above website regarding your entitlements, including 30 hour funding and Tax Free Childcare.

Angie from the Baptist Church will be coming in to read stories to the children on Mon 21st Jan at 11.45am.

The Old School Hall is available to hire for private functions. For more details, please contact Lyndsay 07709450465



Spotlight on Safeguarding: BUTTON BATTERIES

Button batteries are small, round batteries found in many toys and household items, such as watches, calculators and key fobs. If a battery is swallowed by a child, it is extremely dangerous and potentially fatal.

What to do if you think a child has swallowed a button battery:

- **Act quickly!**
- Do not allow the child to eat or drink
- Do not try and make the child sick
- Take them straight to A&E or dial 999 for an ambulance



Term Dates

**Half term break:
Monday 18 –
Friday 22
February 2019**

**Term ends:
Friday 12 April
2019**

**Summer Term
starts:
Monday 29 April
2019**

A very warm welcome to all our new starters! If your child is potty training, could you please provide a change of clothes, including shoes and socks, as accidents sometimes happen and we like to support your child at every step of their development.

If you and your child are new to First Steps and have any questions, please approach Alison or your child's key person or another member of staff; we are always happy to help!

We collect Morrisons and Sainsbury's vouchers at First Steps.

By sending in these vouchers, we can claim our free chosen resources to enhance your child's experience here at Playgroup. The more we collect, the better resources we can purchase, so please support us.



MESSY PLAY

We really enjoy getting messy with our play, expressive arts and crafts, so please send your child in clothes you don't mind getting messy, as we can't guarantee all stains will wash out!!



PLEASE INFORM US IF YOUR CHILD HAS HAD AN INJURY BEFORE THEY ATTEND PLAYGROUP.

(THIS COULD BE ANYTHING FROM A CUT FINGER TO A BUMPED HEAD OR A BRUISE.)
MANY THANKS.

REMINDER

When your child has had a sickness / diarrhoea bug, our policy states that your child should not attend the setting for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

If you are unsure, please speak to us and we can advise on this. Many thanks.

We have a special Health Form for children who need to take regular medication or suffer from a medical condition.

First Steps need to be clear on how to treat your child in this instance. It is important that we have an agreed procedure to follow should the need arise.

The Health Form will need a signature from you as a parent / carer and a professional such as a GP, nurse or Health Visitor.

Alison or Elaine will come and see you if this affects you and your child.



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www.firststepsbarlestone.co.uk



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First Steps Playgroup



Milestones

Please let us know when your child has reached a milestone, it may be starting to toilet train or learning new words, learning to hop, skip or jump. We can add these things into your Childs learning journey and celebrate their achievements with you!



We love to hear what fun activities you have been doing at home, on a day out or holidays, please share pictures and photos so we can talk to your child about what they have been doing!

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[/firststepsbarlestone.co.uk](http://firststepsbarlestone.co.uk) to register and shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay, and many many more.

Whenever you buy something the retailer makes a donation to First Steps Playgroup Barlestone. It won't cost you a penny extra to shop through easyfundraising and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes. Please make a difference to First Steps Playgroup Barlestone and take a look today!



Sure Start

For the Sure Start Centre in Desford, our contact is Emma Collings and for the Bagworth Sure Start, our contact is Mary.

Both centres offer a variety of Mum and Toddler groups, as well as support with debt issues. For more information, please see our notices in the kitchen / reception area.

Change of Clothes

Please provide a change of clothes (including underwear & socks) for your child, for the occasions when they may get wet or messy.



As the weather is often cold at this time of year, please ensure you wrap your child up with a warm coat, scarf, hat and gloves.

Many thanks for your continued support of First Steps Playgroup.

