

# First Steps Pre-school

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## Covid 19

We are trying to keep First Steps as safe as possible and your help with this is much appreciated. Please let us know if you or your children need to be tested and if you can continue to keep the children away if they are obviously unwell – it helps us enormously. We need to exercise common sense with regard to children's common colds and coughs but a telephone call to us can usually sort this out.

## Rising Fives

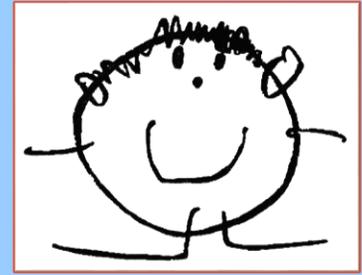
We are hoping to organise a face-to-face opportunity for you to come along to see your child's keyworker, to look at their learning journeys and have a chat about their progress. We will let you know more details as soon as we have worked through when and how to do this in order to follow the government guidelines and consider everyone's safety.

## Messaging Service

First Steps subscribes to a text messaging service which enables us to alert you with reminders of events or changes to pre-school routines. Please let us know if you have changed your number recently so we can update our records. If anyone would prefer to opt out of this service, again, let us know.

## Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory at First Steps, but if you would like your child to wear our t-shirts or sweatshirts, then they can be ordered from H&K Embroidery which are located on the main street just past Wilko's. (They also have a website).



## Term Dates 2021

### Spring Term

Start – Jan 5-Feb 12

Half Term – Feb 15-Feb 19

Return – Feb 22-March 26

### Summer Term

Start April 13-May 28

Half Term – May 31-Jun 4

Return – June 7-July 16

### Polite Notice

Please be aware that we do not have planning permission to allow any cars to drive down the alleyway, so please use the nearby carparks in town to park your car, before walking your children to and from pre-school. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Reminder

When paying your pre-school fees, could you please let us have the remittance slip stating when your payment has been paid into our bank account. Thank you.

### Fundraising

The sponsored obstacle course was a great success – the children loved taking part and helped to raise some amazing amounts of money. Thank you very much!

Equally the Christmas raffle proved to be a great success, raising an amazing £932.00.

Once again, thank you very much for your continued support.

### Nativity

We had a lovely nativity – the children were brilliant! Although it was a very different atmosphere without an audience, we hope you have enjoyed watching the DVD.

### Photographs by Tempest

We had hoped to be able to offer a photo session in March, however due to the ongoing restrictions it is looking like this will not be going ahead. If anything changes before then, we will of course, let you know.

### Living Eggs

We are confident we will still be able to welcome the Living Eggs programme into the group during the last two weeks before we break up for Easter. The children will be able to see up close the hatching of chicks and watch them develop as they grow. A fantastic experience the children always love!

We are looking forward to a happy, fun, and safe Spring Term!