

# First Steps Pre-school

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Hello,  
We hope you have all had a lovely half-term break and are excited to be back. It is going to be a very busy one!

Our themes this term are: Bonfire Night, 'Whatever Next', My Friend Bear books, Traditional stories, and Christmas, Christmas, Christmas!!

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## Rising Fives

Our rising 5 small group work has started – the children have all settled into their groups nicely and are enjoying their special times in the pod. Please remember to bring your child's wallet each week on their designated day.

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## Fundraising:

### Obstacle Course/Quiz Night

The children very much enjoyed taking part in our obstacle course. They soon became confident in climbing, balancing, crawling, sliding and jumping their way along! Many thanks for sponsoring your child. Together you helped to raise a fantastic £1185.50. Thank you so much for your amazing support.

The Quiz Night was a fun night out, as always, and raised £261.00.

All money raised will go towards our field fund. We are currently finalising the lease of the field behind pre-school, and we may need help making it safe and secure for the children to use – watch this space for further information!!

### Tea Towels

The older children are busy drawing pictures of themselves which will be put onto a tea towel. This will be available for you to buy, in time for Christmas. More details and order form to follow.

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## Term Dates 2022-23

### Autumn Term

Return – Nov 6-Dec 20

### Spring Term 2024

Start – Jan 8-Feb 9

Half Term – Feb 12-Feb 16

Return – Feb 19-March 22

### Summer Term 2024

Start April 8-May 24

Half Term – May 27-May 31

Return – June 3-July 12

## Parent's evenings

We invite you to attend our parent's evenings on **November 14<sup>th</sup> 2023** (for our younger children) and **January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024** (for our Rising 5's).

We will be handing out slips with an appointment time for you to see your child's keyworker in due course.

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## Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Each year we join in with the nationwide effort to raise money for Children in Need. Our children are invited to come to pre-school in their favourite dressing-up outfit in exchange for a donation towards this worthy cause. There will be lots of Pudsey fun on the day including baking buns for you to buy!

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## Lunch boxes/Water bottles

Please, please, please make sure all lunch boxes and water bottles are labelled with your child's name. Many thanks.

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## AGM

First Steps are to hold their Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm** at pre-school. All welcome.

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## Christmas is coming!!!.....

### Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1-3pm**. Please join us for festive fun including tombola, raffle, refreshments.....and not forgetting our Santa's Grotto – one not to be missed, we have the 'real' Santa coming to us!!

## Nativity

Our Rising 5's Christmas Nativity play is to be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Short but sweet, the children will dress up as Mary & Joseph, innkeepers, shepherds, sheep, angels, kings and camels to share with you the story of the First Christmas. Carol sheets provided for you to join in too! We will let you know which part your child will play, nearer the time.

## Parties

As usual we are holding 3 separate Christmas parties on **Thursday 21 December (morning and afternoon) and Friday 22 December (morning)**. **Your child will be invited to come to one of these**. We will give you more information nearer the time, but if you have a preference as to which day is more convenient for your child to attend, please let us know.

We will be playing party games, eating party food, and having lots of fun!

**Please Note: The last normal pre-school sessions are Wednesday 20 December.**