

# 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 theme for this term is 'Let's Celebrate'.

This is an opportunity to learn about what a celebration is and why people celebrate. It also provides opportunities to learn about how people celebrate in other cultures and communities. We will focus on Bonfire Night, Diwali, All Saint's Day Kite Festival and Christmas.

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## Rising Fives

Our Rising 5 small group work is continuing – the children have all settled into their groups nicely and are enjoying their special times in the pod. This term we will begin our 'Little Wandle' phonics journey. (see information sheet in your child's Rising 5 folder). Please remember to bring your child's wallet each week on their designated day.

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## Fundraising:

### Obstacle Course

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 to all your sponsors, together you helped to raise a fantastic £959.

Thank you so much for your amazing support.

We would like to renew our sand and malleable areas, so any money raised through fundraising will go towards this. Your children will directly benefit from your generous support.



## Term Dates 2024-25

### Autumn Term

Return – 4 Nov-20 Dec

### Spring Term 2025

Start – 7 Jan-14 Feb

Half Term – 17 Feb-21 Feb

Return – 24 Feb-4 April

### Summer Term 2025

Start 22 April-23 May

Half Term – 26 May-30 May

Return – 2 June-11 July

## Quiz Night

Our annual quiz night this year is to be held on **Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm at Driffield Cricket Club.**

Start gathering a team and come and join us for this fun, social occasion! Look out for posters and posts on Facebook coming soon!

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## Children in Need – Friday 15 November

Each year we join in with the nationwide effort to raise money for Children in Need. We invite your children 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!



## Lunch boxes/Water bottles

A polite reminder to 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 **Wednesday 20 November 7.00pm at pre-school.** All are welcome to attend.

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**Christmas is coming!!!.....**



## Christmas Raffle

We are planning a Christmas Raffle to run during the weeks leading up to Christmas, tickets will be available to buy (and sell to your family and friends). As well as the fantastic Christmas M & S filled Hamper worth over £100, there will be lots of other prizes too. You've got to be in it to win it!!

Good luck – the winning ticket could be yours!!!

## Nativity

Our Rising 5's Christmas Nativity play is to be held on **Friday 13 December at Driffield Community Centre**. 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 are provided for you to join in too! We will let you know which part your child will play, nearer the time.



## Parties

We will be having Christmas parties during our normal sessions across the week beginning 16 December.

You will receive details including the date of your child's party nearer the time.

