

# First Steps Pre-school

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*Happy New Year! Welcome back!*

*We hope you have had a magical Christmas and lovely New Year break.*

*Welcome to our new starters this term, we hope you will enjoy your time here at First Steps.*

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## **Welcome to Jayne**

A warm welcome to Jayne Magin who has now joined First Steps to work with us as part of our team. She is very excited to meet all your lovely children and is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

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## **Planning**

The focus for this terms planning is 'Let's Pretend'.

We will be looking at the following themes – Dinosaurs, Pirates, Outer Space, Monsters.

We think the children will love taking part in lots of fun activities over the coming weeks!

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## **Fundraising**

Thank you so much for all your support with our recent fundraising events. With the money raised we plan to purchase new resources to enhance our new field area, we are very much looking forward to using this area this year and are excited for the children to access this wonderful asset to First Steps. We would like to keep the open grassy area free of equipment to enable the children to play freely in this fabulous space and will add extras to allow for lots of additional play. We would like some big diggers for the digging area, steering wheels for loose-parts play, drainpipes for water play and possibly some form of seating.

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## **Term Dates 2025**

### **Spring Term**

**Start – 7 Jan-14 Feb**

Half Term – 17 Feb-21 Feb

**Return – 24 Feb-4 April**

### **Summer Term**

**Start -22 April-23 May**

May Day – 5 May

Half Term – 26 May-30 May

**Return – 2 June-11 July**

If funds allow, we would also like to renew our malleable area inside with a new shelving unit and resources to use with playdough.

Without your support in helping to raise money we would be unable to provide extra exciting facilities and resources for your children to enjoy – so once again, thank you very much.

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## **Reminders**

Please keep us up to date with any changes to your phone number, email or address.

If you wish to contact us, please do so via email [firststepspreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:firststepspreschool@btconnect.com) or telephone 01377 241117.

Please label your child's belongings, including fleeces, sweatshirts, backpacks, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Many thanks.

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## **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.

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## **Upcoming Events 2025**

Living Eggs – Monday 24 March-Friday 4 April

Pre-school Open Days for prospective new starters – Saturday 29 March, 9-12am & Saturday 26 April, 1-3pm

Spring Fundraising Events TBC – watch this space!

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