



## Footsteps - Parents/Carers News and Information - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have worked so hard this year, learnt lots, made new friends and we have seen them all blossom into who they are today..... but it is that time of year when the Aunties need their tissues as lots of our children will be ready to leave us and we get a bit emotional!

### **ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NURSERY TRANSITION VISIT**

The children that will be attending St. Andrew's Nursery class from September should all have been for a visit and we hope they enjoyed themselves and told you about it when they got home.

We hope the children who are going to attend a different Nursery/Reception class in the area have enjoyed their welcome/transition visit too and some of the children have been telling the Aunties all about it.

### **PARENT'S/KEY WORKER MEETING**

Your child's key worker will arrange to meet with you to look over the transition document/summative assessment for your child if this has not happened already. These are prepared together, in partnership with parents/carers, ready to pass on to the teacher for those children moving on to a new setting in September.

### **UNRETURNED CLOTHES**

Please could you check at home if you have any of our spare clothes to return to us as our stock has become a little depleted, especially socks and leggings! A big thank you to those parents who have recently donated items of clothing to help us out ☺

**FOOTSTEPS OPEN AFTERNOON** was a great success on the afternoon of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. We still have a few places for September 2018 including 2 and 3 year old funded places - please let your friends know if they have young children who may be ready to join us!

### **END OF TERM PARTIES**

Our end of year parties for the children are being held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** on their normal days of attendance. If your child does not normally attend on a Tuesday or Wednesday, please let us know if they can attend one of these dates. The children will take part in party games and enjoy eating party food. We have party food lists for you to donate an item of party food if you are able to. This has worked very well in the past with every family donating something towards the parties. Please ask an Auntie to see the list. Thank you.

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## **QUESTIONNAIRE**

As part of the EYFS (the document laid down by the Government for Early Years Practitioner's) "Partnership with Parent's", we would like to know how you feel about "Footsteps" and the service we provide.

It would be very helpful if you could fill in the attached questionnaire which may help us to improve or change our provision.

Thank you in anticipation; your views, thoughts and feelings about "Footsteps" are important to us. There will be printed copies to take home to complete or if you prefer, can type it and return to me by email. Either way, we are very grateful for your time.

## **HOLIDAYS**

We close on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 3.35pm for the Summer Holidays and we re-open on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 9am and look forward to seeing those children who are coming back to us.

## **GRADUATION**

Not only have lots of our children graduated from Footsteps this term, Auntie Louise R has also graduated from University. Auntie Louise has worked so hard on her studies and achieved fantastic results. This year has seen her being promoted to third in charge on our management team too - she is a very confident, caring and loyal member of the team. We are so proud of you Auntie Louise for all the hard work, love and fun you put into your work at Footsteps.

All the staff would like to wish our leavers a fond farewell, it has been a pleasure to have been a small part of their first educational experience and watch how all the children have grown and developed during the time they have spent with us.

We would like to thank all the parents who are leaving us at this time and returning parents for your generosity over the past year or two and for your continued support.

We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing our returning children in September.

We wish you all a fabulous and safe Summer holiday from all the Aunties.

Karen Ramsay,  
Footsteps Manager