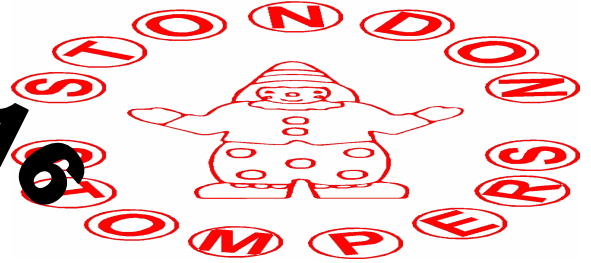




February 2016



Pancake Breakfast



&
Stay & Play



Wednesday 10th February

We are inviting all our Wednesday families to join us for a Pancake Breakfast on 10th February. If you would like to join us for breakfast please let us know. You then have the option to stay & play for the morning.



Childhood Illnesses

It is definitely that time of year where we see all those coughs, colds and sneezes doing the rounds. Please help us prevent the spread of this illnesses by *not* bringing your child in if they are under the weather and please send us a text or call 07549169033 to let us know.

Chickenpox seems to be doing the rounds too so please be on the look out for any suspicious spots! *The exclusion period is 5 days from the onset of rash.*

All guidance for infectious diseases is taken from

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/A2%20Schools%20poster_1.pdf

PARENT FORUM

Thursday 25th February at 9.30am

We will be looking at



Healthy Eating, Children's Food Trust



and Stompers Snack Menus

Tanya, our Kitchen Manager, will share our new snack menus with you and introduce herself and Beccy will share some information on how to encourage healthy eating and the rise in childhood obesity.

If you would like to join us for an informal chat and a cuppa please let us know

KIDS CORNER

Q: What did the boy bear say to the girl bear on Valentine's Day?

A: I love you beary much!

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

A: I'm stuck on you!

What we've been up to

So far this term we have been looking at the Seasons. The children have created some fantastic seasonal trees which will be displayed at Stompers.

They have been showing off their floristry skills in our flower shop; making stick men and women; exploring leaves, rocks and other natural materials in Dino-Land.

We've had a visit from Emerald from Disco Ducks - Emerald lead a ½ hour taster session which the children thoroughly enjoyed. DISCO DUCK is the ultimate pre-school dance experience for children aged 18 mths-4 years. They provide lots of opportunity for the children to be physical which is such an important part of development and well being.

They learn dance moves, use balance beams, Musical instruments, bubbles and lots more.

We hope to introduce Emerald and Disco Duck on Tuesdays so watch this space !

We will be looking at Chinese New Year and Valentine's day in the next few weeks.



Are you School Ready??? Childcare.co.uk in conjunction with the department of Education have designed a parents guide to school readiness which I thought might be helpful. Especially for our 2016 Leavers -

- ✓ Between the ages of four and five, children should be prepared to be separated from their parent or main carer.
- ✓ Children should be able to clearly demonstrate their ability to listen and follow age appropriate instructions
- ✓ Children should show an interest in a variety of subjects, paying attention to the subject or activity they are taking part in
- ✓ Children should have enough of a range of vocabulary and language to express their needs, feelings, thoughts or ideas
- ✓ Children should be able to identify themselves by name, age, state factors in their life, name family members etc...
- ✓ To be able to interact in an age appropriate way with another child or adult
- ✓ Children should be able to interact, share and play, taking responsibility for their actions, understanding repercussions for their actions
- ✓ Focus on and also show interest in the work they are undertaking
- ✓ To be able to observe, notice, discuss and ask questions about their environment and experiences
- ✓ To be able to engage with books, have some understanding of words and language
- ✓ Respond to boundary setting
- ✓ Vocalise their needs such as toileting, thirst, hunger illness etc...

Dates to remember

Pancake Breakfast and Stay & Play - 10th Feb

Last Sign & sign - 11th Feb

Half Term -
15th-19th Feb

Parent Forum - 25th Feb

Dates for
the Diary:

STAYING SAFE

Please can we ask that you keep yourself, your child and others safe when accessing the Village Hall. Please park your car in a safe place. There is a car park 2 minutes from the Village Hall which can be used.

More information on School readiness can be found here

<https://www.childcare.co.uk/information/school-readiness>

