

Stondon Stompers

Children at the heart of all we do



We will be holding parent consultations on the evening of Wednesday 6th March. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their key person. Your child's key person will send a progress report home next

week, please do read through it and add any comments you or your child may have. Reports will also be available for you to view in your child's online learning journey. There will be a sign up sheet on the whiteboard in the foyer later this week for you to choose a time slot between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. If you are not able to fill this in or are unable to attend on the evening and wish to make alternative arrangements please speak to a member of staff or drop us an email and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Tempest photos

We have arranged for Sarah from Tempest Photography to come in to Stompers to take individual and sibling photographs on Tuesday 8th March between 8.30am and 11.00am. For those who normally attend on a Tuesday morning, they will be included in the session. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, please sign up for a slot on the time sheet which will be on the whiteboard in the foyer nearer the time.



As spring is now upon us we have been discussing with the children what we might plant in our Kitchen Garden. Over the coming weeks the children will be planting carrots, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes and beetroot. As always, we would welcome your involvement, just speak to

Tanya or Kim if you are able to help.

Diary dates

Progress reports sent home

W/C 25th Feb

Open Day

Wed 27th Feb

Parent consultations

Wed 6th March
7.30pm - 9.30pm

World Book Day

Thu 7th March
(parents and grandparents are invited to join us to read with the children, details to follow)

Open Day

Fri 8th March

Individual/sibling photographs

Tue 12th March

Mothers Day Celebrations

W/C 25th March
(details to follow)

Last day of term

Fri 5th April

Summer term starts

Tue 23rd April



At Stompers we are continually evaluating our provision to ensure that we are providing the best possible learning environment for all children. Over the last year we have been researching ways in which we can help children to reach their full potential and staff have attended training to help us achieve this. We have made changes to the preschool environment which included providing resources that are varied, open ended and easily accessible. This ensures that children have the opportunity to select resources to support their chosen activity and we have noticed a significant change in children's levels of engagement. We are now moving on to the next phase of improvement which focuses on reducing the amount of time that your child's key person spends completing written planning and observations so that they can really focus on spending quality with children. We believe that this will have a positive impact on the quality of teaching and learning at Stompers, as it will enable us to extend learning through quality interactions and observations. As you are aware, we use an online system to monitor and assess children's learning and development and you may notice that fewer observations of your child are uploaded to Tapestry. This is because we will be focusing on recording quality observations that detail interactions and 'teachable moments'. However, we do recognise that Tapestry has an important role to play in keeping you informed of what your child has been involved in during their day and we will continue to add photos that show what your child has been particularly involved with. We will also record any 'wow' moments, these are the times that your child achieves something new for the first time. We would love for you to add any of these achievements to Tapestry as well. You can also help us to support your child by uploading your own observations of what they have enjoyed at home or any particular interests they may have. We believe that children learn best when we work in partnership with parents and carers.

We will of course continue to monitor this aspect of our provision and we will keep you updated on our progress. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.