

# STEPPING STONES TODDLERS NEWSLETTER

## January 2012

**Toddler Team Leader:** Joan Newborough

### Welcome Back

We hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year

### Fruit week

The dates for fruit this term will be 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012



### El Salvador visit

Thank you for all your fund raising support last term. The toddle waddle raised £80 towards my trip. Christmas in El Salvador was a fantastic experience and I have lots of photos and special memories. The children's holiday club was very popular with numbers reaching 140 children aged between babies & teenagers. This ran for three days with each child receiving a Christmas present at the end. Also during the visit the building team were able to finish the construction of a house for a family in San Pedro which will give them a more secure home. There was also a team supporting families and patients suffering from cancer. It was amazing to see the contrast of life styles where some families are fairly well off but others have basic living accommodation with a toilet and wash area outside. The families may not have much but they are always smiling and it made me grateful for all I have and things I take for granted



### Crafts

Crafts this term will follow a winter theme which will include snowmen and robins. Later in the term we will also be making Valentine cards.



### Bad weather

In the event of bad weather eg ice or snow and schools are closed then Toddlers will also close.



### Term Dates

**Term 3:** Tuesday 10th January 2012 – Thursday 9th February 2012  
**Early Spring Holiday:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
**Term 4:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
**Easter Holiday:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 12 April 2012

### **SAFETY RULES**

To help ensure Toddlers is a positive experience for everyone it is important that we all work together and remember the following:-

- Nappies are put in a nappy sac and disposed of in the grey bin and the changing area is cleaned up. Changing table can be found in the disabled toilet.



*(To promote good hygiene)*

- Parents/ carers remain responsible for the care and supervision of their children – but if additional help is required please speak to a team member.



*(To ensure child safety)*

- The red gate at the side of building is always to be kept shut and latched



*(For the safety of the children)*

### **ONE STEP COFFEE STOP**

Please join us on Monday mornings from 10.30 – 12.30 for a drink and a cake in the community hall.



### **TEDDY BEARS**

On the first Sunday afternoon of the month from 4pm – 5pm we meet together for a bible story, songs, prayer and a teddy bears picnic. This is aimed at children up to the age of 7 years & their families.

The date for this will be: 5<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April & 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Come and join us for an hour of fun, food & fellowship for all the family.



### **ALL AGE SERVICES**

These will be on 8th January, 12th February, 11th March. On other Sundays the children are catered for in their own sessions. Morning services start at 10.30am and there is also an evening service at 6.30pm.

### **DIDCOT FOOD BANK**

The food bank is a project of Didcot Baptist Church with support from South Oxfordshire District Council. It is a practical, community based project to provide short term relief by giving food to families in crisis.

A box will be available if you would like to contribute any tins or long life food items



### **Our Mission statement**

Our purpose is to be a loving, supportive, inclusive group where children, parents and carers enjoy playing, meeting and interacting with each other in a Christian environment.