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We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1 November. **Please note we will answer all messages via email/website on our return to pre-school.**

For new Parents - In the Moment Planning

At Ide Hill Pre-school we follow (ITMP). Everyday is different because it's planned in the moment. We shall be following the thoughts, thinking and interests of the child! We have been stepping away from 'activities' scheduled to a particular date or time! Moving away from termly plan! The children lead the way. They ask the question; "What's inside a pumpkin?" So, instead of writing it up for NEXT weeks plan, we act in the moment!

The here and NOW and set about cutting open a pumpkin and drying out the seeds to use to eat and to develop our fine motor skills by transferring them with tweezers, and even used golf tees to hammer into the pumpkin.

Next week the children will have forgotten all about pumpkins, the interest past and play moved on. They'll have forgotten the question they asked at that moment in time, their intrigue and curiosity pacified by promises of doing it another day.

So here, in that split second, key persons planned in their heads and set the wheels in motion.

'In the moment' as inspired by Anna Ephgrave. The planning cycle began instantaneously and without delay!

No need to show written evidence of learning intentions, outcomes and proving that we

are following the curriculum. No need to prove we can accurately plot and plan next steps.

NEXT Steps are achieved in the here and NOW!

At Ide Hill pre-school each day is different, because the children are all different and their daily thoughts are different TOO!

They are 'pilots in their own learning and play.'

We the adults are, the air traffic controllers, assisting and aiding and giving the children the ability to FLY ✈️ Delayed flights are blooming annoying and frustrating aren't they?

So why keep our children on the ground, waiting for tomorrow or next week?

Let them fly TODAY 🍀



Finish Date for Xmas

We finish this term on **Friday 17th December at 12.15** - there is no afternoon session on this day.

Applications are open from 5 November 2021.

Starting school in September 2022

Children should start primary school if born:

Between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 for

Reception.

Apply online before 17/1/22

PLEASE REMEMBER EVEN IF YOU HAVE A SIBLING AT YOUR PREFERRED PRIMARY SCHOOL YOU WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A PLACE ONLINE.

Apply online website address:
www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions from now and before **Monday 17 January 2022:** .
More information is available at
www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Leaflets are available in the lobby at pre-school.

What to expect when

I was reminded of this document on recent training, it's really parent friendly!
<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/.../4Children...>

Proud Cloud Cards

Please remember to use the "Proud Cloud" cards. These "Proud Cloud" cards are a chance for you to share with us things that your child achieves at home. If you see them doing something that makes you proud then write it down and bring it in to share with us. We will then add these to our "Proud Cloud" board to share with other children. Available on Tapestry under documents and attached to this newsletter.

New September Parents w/c 8 November 2021

There will be a list of times on the board outside your bubble for a "15 minute update meeting" with your key person, please place your name next to a time/date. If any existing parents would like an update meeting please speak directly to your key person who will arrange a time with you. Thank you.

Committee

What a lovely first half-term it has been, it has been lovely welcoming back the children from last year and also wonderful to see how well the new children have settled in.

We were able to run a face to face coffee morning at the start of term, it proved very popular and was a lovely opportunity for parents to meet and also meet with the pre-school staff. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Next term will be a busy one and we have some events taking place for you diary:

Christmas Donation Project

We are looking to coordinate a Christmas Donation project again this year. Last year we were very successful in making generous donations to our local Edenbridge food bank. It was a great opportunity for our children to learn and understand the importance of helping others and links to the curriculum 'Understanding the World'. Look out for further details and thank you in advance for any support you can give to this project.

Monday 22nd November 6.30-8.30pm - You are invited to participate in a Christmas Wreath Making workshop! Further details to be released. This will be a ticketed event and will be a lovely way to kick off the festive period!

Christmas hamper raffle -

The committee will be looking to create a set of hampers that we will run a raffle for to raise funds to support the preschool. We always appreciate the support of parents to donate items to help create these hampers. The theme of hampers will include;

- Movie night hamper
- Afternoon tea hamper
- Gin hamper
- Traditional Christmas hamper

Christmas dress up week

6th-10th December We will invite all the children to dress up in a Christmas themed outfit on the days they attend during this week. They will be participating in lots of Christmas singing and merrily themed activities.

Fundraising

And by signing up to [easyfundraising](#) (go to its website and search for Ide Hill Preschool), companies such as Amazon and John Lewis will make a donation to the Pre-School every time you shop online.

Waterproof Clothing

As the weather changes, please could children be dressed appropriately for the colder weather, including named wellingtons, which can be stored on the welly rack. As the weather becomes colder, warm coats are essential as the children are offered daily outside play and need to be dressed accordingly. Please could all children have a spare set of clothes on their pegs that they could be changed into if they get wet from puddles or accidents. Please leave these in a named bag. Thank you.

Stars of the week

Our stars for last term are the following children.

Week 1 - Clara - for excellent self care skills.

Week 2 - Lucas R - for excellent language when discussing snakes.

Week 3 - Mia - coming into pre-school so happily and playing so beautifully.

Week 4 - Mason - Lovely singing to "Five Little Breadsticks".

Week 5 - Remi - for excellent imagination whilst playing with the small world.

Week 6 - Corinne - Fantastic effort at writing your name.

Week 7 - Cooper - I observed Cooper sharing so beautifully with another child during outside play today - well done.

Jasper - excellent tidying up today.

The Starfish Story

Original Story by: Loren Easley

One day a man was walking along the beach, when he noticed a boy hurriedly picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "Young man, what are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

The man laughed to himself and said, "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make any difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said,

"I made a difference to that one."



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Happy Half Term.

Liz Money
Manager



Please don't throw me away!

We are always busy creating and planning exciting projects. Please help us out by not throwing away any of these items. We would love any you may have. We just ask that you make sure items are clean and free from residue. If you ever come across anything else at home or work that you think we might find useful please pop us a message on tapestry. We love to be resourceful and use as many natural or recyclable materials as possible. Thank you so much!

- Bottle tops
- Toilet or kitchen roll tubes
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Ribbon
- Scraps of material
- Interesting packaging
- Craft feathers
- Pom poms
- Pipe cleaners
- Foil tins
- Flowers (even the ones that are past their best - old bouquets are brilliant)
- Artificial foliage/plants
- Egg boxes
- Straws (Unused only please)
- Buttons
- Wool/yarn/twine/string
- Newspaper
- Old magazines/brochure or catalogues
- Old CDs
- Bubble wrap
- Wooden spoons, utensils, pots and pans
- Unwanted rolls of wallpaper



- Wrappers from chocolates such as Quality Streets (*What a great reason to have another one*)
- Tissue paper
- Unused greeting cards
- Conkers
- Pine cones
- Shells and drift wood
- Wooden logs/slices or branches
- Old phones (for role play no chargers needed)
- Hats, scarfs or jewellery for dressing up
- Corks

CAN YOU HELP?

At our setting we are keen to help develop imagination and creativity through role or dramatic play.

We are kindly asking for donations of 'dressing up clothes.'
Have you any of the following items?

Let's Dress Up



Hats

Crash or cycle helmets

Clippy cloppy shoes

Material scarves

Purses

Handbags or brief cases

Clogs

Sari, punjabi tunic

Old cameras

Ear defenders

Old mobile phones

Beads

Bangles

Hair curlers, rollers

Old hair dryer

Horse riding helmet

Sarongs

Knee and elbow protectors

Walking stick

Safety glasses

Flippers

Snorkle mask

Bow tie

Shirt

Wedding veil

Tool belt

NO SUPERHERO OR COMMERCIALISED DRESS UP CLOTHES. THANK YOU