



Ide Hill Pre-School

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Happy Christmas

We hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and Happy New Year. A special thank you from all the staff for our Christmas Presents.

New Children

A warm welcome to our new children:

Louis, Matthew and Lucia who will be starting with us in January. We hope that they will be very happy with us.

Forest School

Forest school begins again in January - this is available for all children who are 3.

Raffle

Thank you to all parents who purchased raffle tickets. We will give you the final amount in the New Year- with the funds raised we will be purchasing some new tools for our Forest School sessions.

Term Dates

We begin Term 3 on **Tuesday 2nd January** and finish on **Friday 9th February** 2024.

Parent Questionnaire

These will be sent out to you first week in February. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to have "your voice" and for us to know what your thoughts are of our pre-school. Once completed please place in box in the lobby. Thank you.

Snack donation

We would kindly ask families to donate a snack item each time their child is in. Baskets are available outside the entrance. The snack is shared out with **all** the children.

Please can we ask that NO dried goods i.e. breadsticks/rice cakes be brought in as we have plenty of these, we would appreciate, assorted fruits/vegetables, cheese, hummus. We appreciate your donations. Thank you.

Weather Warning

Now that we are entering the winter months there is increasing possibility of snow and ice, and extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. The procedure if such weather is experienced is to look firstly at our website

www.idehillpreschool.org - this will be updated by 7.30 a.m

Secondly, on the Kent County Council website -

<http://www.kentclosures.co.uk>.

Once you log in, scroll down and search for Ide Hill Pre-school and then press submit, a message will come up to say if we are open or closed. Please be reassured that we will make every effort, subject to health and safety requirements, to remain open so children can continue to learn and parents/carers can go to work.



Wellington boots and coats

We go out every day, whatever the weather. To ensure that this is an enjoyable experience for your child, please provide them with a warm waterproof coat and hat and gloves for when it gets cold. Wellies can be left at Pre-School. Please label everything.

Top tips on how to improve your child's cutting skills

Some great tips for improving your child's cutting skills!

<https://www.missjaimeot.com/fine-motor-skills-cutting/>

Pre-writing skills Interesting article on writing skills for pre-schoolers - have a read.

http://blog.tts-group.co.uk/2017/11/21/pre-writing-skills/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=socialmedia&utm_campaign=prewrite17

Stars of the week

Our stars for last term are the following children. I am very proud of you all.

Week 1 - Harriet - For being such a lovely friend.

Week 2 - Joseph - For engaging so well during Forest School sessions.

Week 3 - - Charlie - for Phenomenal Phonics.

Week 4 -- Annabelle - learning her Angel Gabriel lines so well.

Week 5 - Hattie - for settling in so well.


Week 6 - to all the children for amazing acting and singing in our Nativity.

Thought for the day.....

"A child can hold a pencil, write their own name, count to 10 or recognise all their colours and shapes, but if they don't know how to make friends, manage their emotions, resolve conflict, to be independent and have self-help skills, none of the above matters." - The Curiosity Approach

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

Liz Money
Manager


when
you
CHOOSE
joy
You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just
might inspire
them to do
the same.