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We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4 November. **Please note we will answer all messages via email/website on our return to pre-school.**

All Parents Meet the Teacher w/c 11 November w/c 18 November

Parent morning slots will be put up outside pre-school on our return.

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 🍊



Parent Partnership - Story Stelling

We would welcome parents to come into pre-school on a Monday throughout November to read the children a story - timings would be 10.30-11.00 to be held in the Wheatsheaf room. If you would like to partake please speak to Mrs Money.

Christmas Nativity & Finish Date for Xmas

We will be holding a short Nativity on **Tuesday 17th December at 09.30** - (parts/costume info will be sent out towards the end of November). Once the Nativity has finished there will be Christmas food for the children and then we will be breaking up for the Xmas holidays. There will be no afternoon session on this day.

Applications are open from 5 November 2024.

Starting school in September 2025

Children should start primary school if born:
Between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 for **Reception**.

Apply online before 15/1/25

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 **Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

More information is available below, please follow this link [Primary school places - Kent County Council](#)

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.

Committee - from Camilla

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 your diary:

The Committee - I am Camilla, the new Chairperson of Ide Hill pre-school and my goal is to help the pre-school along with the other committee members and staff to create the best pre-school possible! This includes fundraising for the pre-school. We held our first coffee morning of the year last week along with our AGM (Annual General Meeting) where we discussed the successful fundraising we achieved last year and ideas of what we can do this year. A massive thanks to Liz and team, also our ex chairman Brenda with her committee team! Some big boots to fill but I am sure together we can raise lots of funds for the preschool! I am very excited to get some more events into the diary for the end of Autumn term!

Coffee Morning - November

We will run another coffee morning in November. I will get a few dates together and see when is best for the majority.

Christmas cards - November

We will be creating Christmas cards with the children as soon as we return back from half term! Look out for more information as to how to order them! For every item ordered the pre-school receives £1!

Christmas Wreath making - 1st & 2nd December TBC

We are looking to team up with Ide Hill Primary School to join them in the wreath making to help raise funds for both the school and pre-school. Looking to be held on 1st & 2nd December. Will keep you all updated with more details once we have them.

Christmas hamper raffle - December

We will be creating sets of hampers that we will run a raffle for to raise funds to support the pre-school. We always appreciate the support of parents to donate items to help create these hampers. Examples of hampers we can create:

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

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase and winners will be announced during the Nativity.

Christmas dress up week - 9th-13th 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.

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 -- Luna - for being so kind with the younger children.

Week 2 - Alexander - Fantastic mathematical knowledge.

Week 3 - Edward - for excellent self care skills.

Week 4 - Louis - for joining in with repeated refrains in the story 'Room on the Broom.'

Week 5 -. Freddie T - concentrating and taking the lead in all activities this week.

Week 6 - Frida - setting so well and being so polite with your pleases/thank you.

Week 7 -. Freddie F - For linking some beautiful mathematical language during forest school.

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



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