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We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31 October. **Please note we will answer all messages via email/website on our return to pre-school.**

AGM 1ST November

For information, we will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 1 November between 10.00 - 10.30 via teams. We need to have the majority of parents logging in and supporting our pre-school.

The Manager will be reading her annual report, together with the treasurer and Chairperson.

Please click on the below link on Tuesday 1 November.

<https://teams.live.com/join/9434940966627>

Tap on the link or paste it in a browser to join.

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.

Forest School

Forest school will start again in Term 3. However, we will be taking the children on adhoc walks to the woods throughout this term.

Christmas Nativity & Finish Date for Xmas

We will be holding a short Nativity on **Friday 16th December at 09.30** - once the Nativity has finished we will be breaking up for the Xmas holidays. There is no afternoon session on this day.

Applications are open from 4 November 2022.

Starting school in September 2023

Children should start primary school if born:
 Between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 for Reception.

Apply online before 17/1/23

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 16 January 2023:

More information is available at [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

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 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 pre-school. 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

Winners will be announced during the Nativity.

Christmas dress up week

5th-9th 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 - Arthur - for excellent dancing.

Week 2 - Kylie - for coming into pre-school so happy and chatty 😊

Week 3 - Casper - for amazing letter recognition.

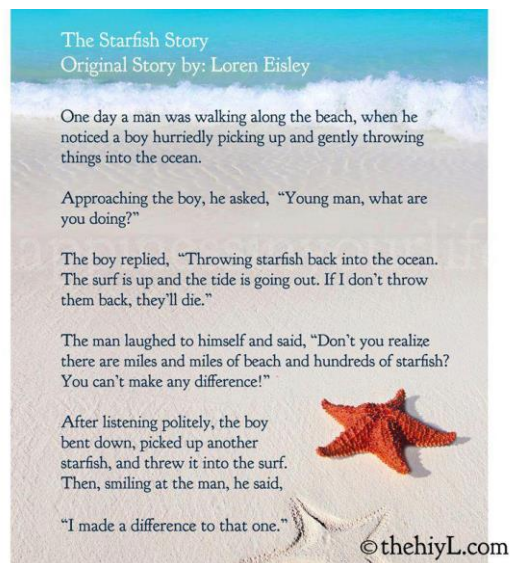
Week 4 - Theo - Persisting to form letters from his name independently."

Week 5 - Florence- for doing so well at lunch time.

Week 6 - Remy - Fantastic descriptive language when describing his duplo creation.

Week 7 - Eva - for making an excellent contribution at Forest School and being so positive.

George - settling so well at lunch time.



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



Old mobile phones	Walking stick	Hats
Beads	Safety glasses	Crash or cycle helmets
Bangles	Flippers	Clippy cloppy shoes
Hair curlers, rollers	Snorkle mask	Material scarves
Old hair dryer	Bow tie	Purses
Horse riding helmet	Shirt	Handbags or brief cases
Sarongs	Wedding veil	Clogs
Knee and elbow protectors	Tool belt	Sari, punjabi tunic
		Old cameras
		Ear defenders

NO SUPERHERO OR COMMERCIALISED DRESS UP CLOTHES. THANK YOU