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Welcome Back

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term and we are looking forward to a very busy Easter term.



Committee News

The next committee meeting will be held on **Friday 16th March at 9.30 a.m.** in the Wheatsheaf Room. This is a wonderful opportunity, for you to meet other parents, our Chairperson, Louise Dod and to find out how you can become involved further with the Pre-school. We look forward to seeing you there. Tea and coffee will be provided.

There will also be a meeting for all parents on **Tuesday 28th February at 9.30 a.m.** A letter will be sent to you all about this important meeting shortly.

Auction Evening

Please remember to buy your tickets for our important fundraising Auction and Supper on **Friday 24th February**. We have some fantastic lots and it will be a fun, sociable evening.

Our Theme

Our theme this term is six areas of the curriculum. Please look at our website under Curriculum for our information and activity sheet which helps you to continue our theme at home. You can also access the Sounds of the week/colours/French words and numbers for the term. Our website address is www.idehillpreschool.org. A copy will also be on our notice board.

Term Dates

We finish this term on Friday 30th March.

Sensory Table/Colour of the Week

We will be alternating our colour of the week table with a senses table. Please could you help your children bring in something each week.

Week 1 - Smell - lavender bags, spices etc

Week 2 - **Purple**

Week 3 - To Hear - noisy toys!

Week 4 - **Green**

Week 5 - To See

Week 6 - **Yellow**

Please see activity sheet for further details.

Learning Journal Meetings

We hope you found these useful, if you did not get the opportunity to speak with your key person, we can arrange alternative dates. The second parents morning will be held in July.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade this year will be on the last day of term **Friday 30th March at 11.15**, the afternoon session **will not** be available on this day, as there is staff training in the afternoon. All children and their families are invited to attend. Children who do not attend on a Friday please come to pre-school wearing your hats at 11.00. The parade will begin at 11.15, this will be followed by a few Easter songs performed by the children. Parents are invited to make a hat with their children, it is really important for the children to contribute to these creations! There is a prize for the most creative hat designed by the children.

Book Day

National Book Day this year is on **Thursday 1st March**. Please bring your children dressed up to pre-school in their favourite book character. There will be a prize for the winner.

Parent Rota

From 20th February our parent rota will be in place. A list of dates have been posted on our notice board. We look forward to you joining us for either a morning or afternoon session or just one or two hours. Unfortunately, due to insurance/health and safety, we are unable to accommodate siblings, as we can only have a maximum of 26 children in the hall at any one time.

Nativity Photographs

There has been some interest in the Nativity photographs displayed on our photo frame in the lobby, these were taken by Leilah-Mae's Daddy. If parents would like a copy of these on a CD please let Mrs Money know. The charge will be £2.50, all proceeds to the pre-school. Thank you.

Suggestion/Fees Post Box

In the lobby our suggestion box is doubling up for parents to post their fees/fundraising monies/letters in. Please ensure that you put your cheques in an envelope with the amount and your name clearly marked on the front. We hope this will stop paperwork becoming mislaid in the pre-school. Thank you.

Parent Questionnaire

Please remember to return your questionnaires to pre-school. Your feedback is important to us.

Gates and Car park

For information, we will not open the gate to the car park, until the end of the session when all children are safely inside the hall. Our priority always, is the children's safety. However, you are very welcome to park in the front car park by the recycling bins. Thank you for your understanding.

Wish List

The committee have asked us to put together a 'Wish List' of items that would benefit the children's learning and development. We would appreciate any donations of the following:-

Bulbs (assorted)

Seeds, Compost Bin, Water Butt, Sand and more Sand.....

Parent to install an outside tap
Bird Seed

Post Its, White board markers, Cork notice board, Envelopes A4/A5

Petrol Pump for outside Changing Mat/Child Toilet seat Dressing table with mirror Large Food Bin with Lid Cleaning the rugs

We are so grateful. Thank you so much.

Stars of the week

Our stars for last term are the following children.



Week 1 - Evelyn - for being kind and gentle to the younger children and helping them to settle into pre-school.

Week 2 - Harry for always wanting to help.

Week 3 - Jamie - For counting so beautifully.

Week 4 - Aiden - for settling in so well to pre-school.

Week 5 - Tru - For becoming increasingly independent with her self care skills.

Rose - For amazing number and letter recognition.

Week 6 - Isla - For completing patterns using the pyramid blocks.

Olivia Tree - for putting on her coat and her wellies independently

Happy Half Term