



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. You were very generous.

New Children

A warm welcome to our new children who will be starting with us in January. We hope that they will be very happy with us.

Bubbles from January 2021

Please note Mrs Marro's bubble will now be in the wheatsheaf room please use main entrance. Mrs Tappenden's bubble will now be in the main hall - please use side entrance. All other bubble groups remain in the same location.

Term Dates

We begin Term 3 on Monday 4th January and finish on Friday 12th February 2021.

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.

Forest School

Forest school sessions begin again next term.

Snack donation

We would kindly ask families to donate a snack item each time their child is in. Baskets are available outside each 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, dried fruits, 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.

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

Parent Services - Edenbridge Children's Centre

We would like to draw your attention to our 'Parent Services' notice board which can be found outside the main entrance at pre-school. Edenbridge Children's Centre offers a wide range of information, parenting courses, fun drop-in sessions, together with specialist support for whatever challenges families might be facing and parent outreach. Also providing - access to health and wellbeing and education services for parents/carers.

The notice board will be

regularly updated, if you would like any further information on advice/events, please speak to Mrs Tappenden.

Stars of the week



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

Week 1 - Jasper - For excellent self care.

Week 2 - Jude - For excellent number recognition.

Week 3 - Aria - For being so positive and brave coming into pre-school.

Week 4 - Carley - For being so brave.

Week 5 -- Nina - for lovely sharing today.

Week 6 - Violet for excellent leadership skills at Forest School.

Week 7 - Ewan - For amazing recollection of "The Room on the Broom."

Amazon & Easyfundraising

Thank you to all those parents who have already donated items from our Amazon wish list.

For our new parents, the Wish list (search for Ide Hill Pre-School in your own Amazon account wish list section) Please do take the time to look at the Wish list (search for **Ide Hill Pre-School in your own Amazon account wish list section**) it has a range of craft, play and educational equipment that we'd love to get for the children.

And by signing up to [easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.com) (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.

Are you booking your summer holiday online? SIGN UP NOW to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and raise money for Ide Hill Pre-school, it doesn't cost you anything. (Go to its website and search for Ide Hill Preschool).

Lovely comment posted on Kippingtons Nursing Home website:-



Thank you so much.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

Liz Money
Manager

Thought for the day.....

