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We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2 November. **Please note we will answer all messages via email/website on our return to pre-school.**

In the Moment Planning

We are very excited to start (ITMP) from after half term. Everyday is different because it's planned in the moment. We shall be following the thoughts, thinking and interests of the child! We are 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 acted 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 ❤️



Revised Finish Date for Xmas

We finish this term on **Thursday 17th December at 12.15** - there is no afternoon session on this day.

Applications are open from 5th November 2020.

Starting school in September 2021

Children should start primary school if born:

Between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 for Reception.

Apply online before 15/1/21

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 15 January 2021**. More information is available at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions Leaflets are available in the lobby at pre-school.

Bubbles

Please note Mrs Williams is moving to Bubble 2 - Wheatsheaf room from after half term and Mrs Ferguson is moving to Bubble 1 - Main hall.

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.

New September Parents w/c 9 November 2020

There will be a list of times on the board outside your bubble for a "15 minute update meeting" with your key person, please place your name next to a time/date. These updates will be held **Bubble 1 - in main kitchen - Bubble 2 - in the outside classroom**. If any existing parents would like an update meeting please speak directly to your key person who will arrange a time with you. Thank you.

Christmas Nativity & Christmas Outfits w/c 7 December

Unfortunately, it is with great sadness that due to COVID and government restrictions we are unable to hold a Nativity Play this year. However, we would love the children to come in dressed up in their Christmas outfits w/c 7 December when we will be videoing the children singing some Christmas songs, which we will add onto Tapestry.

Christmas donation project - please send in your food donations by **Wednesday 25th November** - see committee note attached.

Socially distanced coffee morning

Thursday 12th November - see note attached.

Committee - please read committee note attached

We are actively looking for new parents to join the pre-school committee. Ide Hill is a committee run pre-school, so it's vital that we have a strong, active committee to govern its activities, as well as raise funds. Please speak to Sarah or Catherine if you are interested in joining. Which brings me nicely onto our Amazon Wish List and easyfundraising account. Please do take the time to look at these - the Wish list (search for **Ide Hill Pre-School in your own Amazon account wish list section**) has a range of craft, play and educational equipment that we'd love to get for the children.

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 - Clara - for excellent self care skills.

Week 2 - Luca - for settling in so well.

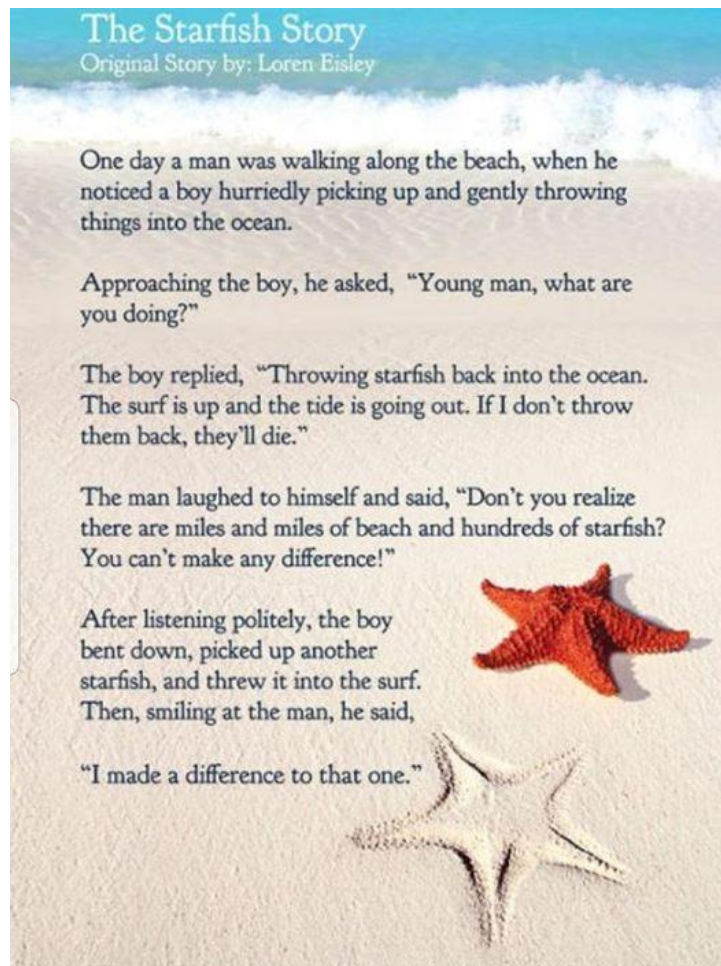
Week 3 - Aria - coming into pre-school so happily and playing so beautifully.

Week 4 - Hamish - For coming into pre-school so happily.

Week 5 - Felix/Hugo - for having such a positive attitude at Forest School.

Week 6 - Tomi - Fantastic effort at writing your name.

Week 6 - Isla - I observed Isla sharing so beautifully with another child during outside play today - well done.



Happy Half Term.

Liz Money
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