



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.

***** Ofsted 2021 - Outstanding for the 3rd Time *****

Happy reading - here is the link to our 'Outstanding' Ofsted report published on the 18th November 2021.

https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/127275?utm_source&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=report

New Children

A warm welcome to our new children:

Matilda, Casper, Arthur and Felix who will be starting with us in January. We hope that they will be very happy with us.

Forest School

We have been successful in receiving a small grant from KCC to fund 6 x Forest School sessions run by a fully qualified external Forest School Leader (Donna) from January 2022. The sessions will be held in the woods opposite pre-school and will be held on different days each week to accommodate all the children. We very much look forward to sharing photographs/experiences with you via Tapestry. Please note that when it is your child's forest school session you **MUST** provide them with waterproofs and warm clothing as we are outside in all weathers. Your child's forest school session is attached, together with information from the forest school leader.

Raffle

Thank you to all parents who purchased raffle tickets. We raised £178.00 - with the funds we have purchased some new tools for our Forest School sessions and 6 new scooters.

Term Dates

We begin Term 3 on **Tuesday 4th January** and finish on **Friday 11th February 2022**.

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.

Snack donation

We would kindly ask families to donate a snack item each time their child is in. Baskets are available outside the 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, 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. Please label everything.

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

Stars of the week

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



Week 1 - Rose - For excellent self care.

Week 2 - Louie - For engaging so well during Forest School.

Week 3 - Harry - showing excellent problem solving skills during a cookery session.

Week 4 - Sophie - for her understanding and language skills.

Week 5 - Ned - For writing some words clearly and accurately.

Week 6 - Ruan - For understanding the process of how to work the beebot robot.

Week 7 - Mia - Amazing number work.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

Liz Money
Manager


when you
CHOOSE
joy
You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just
might inspire
them to do
the same.

Thought for the day.....

"A child can hold a pencil, write their own name, count to 10 or recognise all their colours and shapes, but if they don't know how to make friends, manage their emotions, resolve conflict, to be independent and have self-help skills, none of the above matters." - The Curiosity Approach