



# Ide Hill Pre-School



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## Newsletter No 3 - 4th January 2012

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### Welcome Back

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and Happy New Year. A special thank you from all the staff for our Christmas Presents they were lovely.

### New Children

A warm welcome to our new children.

Hayden  
Lily-Sue  
Charlotte  
Marissa  
Austin  
Aiden  
Isla  
Sidney

We hope that they will be very happy with us.

### Term Dates

We begin this term on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and finish this term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### Our Theme

Our theme this term is Space. 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](http://www.idehillpreschool.org). A copy will also be on our notice board.

### 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.

### Dads/Granddads to School Day

We recognise the importance of involving Dads/Granddads', into our pre-school. Back by popular demand, we will be holding our "Dads/Granddads' come to School Day" on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June a.m. and Friday 15 June a.m. Please put these dates into your diaries. The idea is that Dads/Granddads' come along at 09.15 and join in with the many activities which will be available during the morning session i.e. cooking, woodwork, gardening, washing cars etc. We hope to see as many of you as possible on one of the dates.

### Learning Journal Meetings

A list of dates and times will be posted on the notice board 1<sup>st</sup> week of February, to enable you to meet with your key person, who will update you on your child's progress and achievements to date.

### Colour Table

Our colours for this term are as follows:

Week 1 - Pink

Week 2 - Purple

Week 3 - Black

Week 4 - Blue

Week 5 - Orange

Week 6 - Red

Please help your child to find something to bring in for our colour table, please also ensure that it is labelled. Thank you.

### Christmas DVDs

Our nativity play "A Brand New Star" is now available to purchase from pre-school the cost will be £5.00. If you would like a copy please add your name to the list on the notice board. Our thanks goes to Kate York (Dylan's mummy) who kindly filmed this for the pre-school.

### Weather Warning

With the threat of bad weather, the procedure if such weather is experienced is to look at our website, this will be updated by 7.30 a.m. every morning. 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.

### Pre-school Valentines Auction Evening and "Chilli dinner"

Please, please, please put in your diaries

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 p.m.

"Valentines Auction evening" at the village hall. If anyone has anything further to donate please speak to either myself or email Louise Dod at [louisedod@talktalk.net](mailto:louisedod@talktalk.net).

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the pre-school. Tickets are available from pre-school.

### Wellies

The children enjoy using the garden area and it would be helpful if they could bring a pair of named wellies in a carrier bag to pre-school for wet/snowy days, please leave these by their pegs. Please also remember to take your children's wellies/coats/jumpers home with you at the weekend, as other hall users need to utilise the pegs. Thank you.

### Stars of the week



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

Week 1 - Lawrence for his self help skills.

Week 2 - Alfie for becoming increasingly confident with self help skills.

Week 3 - Ella - for learning all the songs so well for our Nativity play.

Week 4 - Maisie - For always being excited and motivated to learn.

Week 5 - Benedict - For being so polite.

Week 6 - Sophie - Because you have a heart of gold and are always so kind and caring.

Week 7 - All the children and staff for an "Outstanding" performance in our Christmas Production.

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