



Ide Hill Pre-School



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Welcome Back

On behalf of the team I hope you all had a very good summer holiday and we are delighted to welcome you back to the Pre-school.

New Children

We are also delighted to welcome new families and our new children.

Oliver
Ruby
Jessica
Lily
Edward
Aidan
Dylan
Alfie
Rose
Harry

We hope that they will be very happy with us.

Congratulations

Helen Cope has gained her Diploma in Pre-school Practice Level 3. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of her. Well done Helen.

Committee Members

For information the following parents are the current committee members but we are always looking for more, please speak to Louise.
Louise Dod - Chairperson
Debs Loxton - Treasurer
Dawn Trillow - Secretary
Claire Warde
Claire Heald
Trevor Nunn
Claire Brown

The committee organise fundraising and social events and I know they will be supported in what they do by all the parents.

Our book keeper is Richard Jepson he organises the finances for the setting and the fees.

Thank you

On behalf of the team, I would like to say a huge thank you firstly for all our lovely end of term gifts. Secondly to our leavers' parents who purchased a gazebo for the pre-school. This will enable all the children to go outside in all weathers. We are so grateful to you all. Thank you.

Our Theme

We start the term with our theme All about Me. 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 and numbers for the term. Our website address is www.idehillpreschool.org.

Term Dates

Please see the notice board and the website. We finish this term on Friday 21 October.

Lunch Boxes

Please could you remember to name your child's lunch box and water bottle. Additionally, if you are providing grapes/cherry tomatoes please ensure they are cut in half. We also can **not** have any nuts in pre-school. Thank you.

Labelling Items

A gentle reminder to label drinks bottles, lunch boxes, show and tell toys and items for the colour table. This will avoid items going missing and drinks bottles going home in the wrong lunch boxes. Thank you.

Show and Tell

For our new parents, each child has a chance to have their very own show and tell day. The purpose of this is to encourage the children to bring in something from home and talk to the group about their toy, photograph etc during circle time. You are very welcome to join us for this event.

"Old" Pupils' Reunion

We shall be holding our annual reunion on 11th November for the children who left us in July. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our leavers and to find out how they have been getting on at "Big School."

Come and Join Us

We always welcome parents spending a session in the pre-school. We have a parent rota, (see notice board for details/dates). Come and play with the children and experience how they learn through play. 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.

We look forward to welcoming you into pre-school.

Learning Journals

Each child at Ide Hill Pre-school has their own unique learning journal. These learning journals provide a history of the time your child is with us at pre-school. The journals are kept with your key person, however, we do encourage parents to take their child's learning journals home and add to them. We are hoping you will add photographs to the journals or write down some observations of key moments/interests/likes/dislikes/events/outings/language development anything you would like us to know about your child. You can write this information on our "observation at home" forms these are available from your key person.

Alternatively you can write observations onto a "post it note". Once written, please put these observations onto the photo of your child in the lobby. **The photographs will be removed after sessions have finished.**

Your observations together with ours taken during the session, will be added to your child's individual Learning Journal, additionally they will help us with the planning and extend your children's learning. Any questions regarding observations please speak with your key person.

EYFS Evening

In February we shall be holding another information evening regarding the above. This gives you an opportunity to come and hear what is involved in the EYFS and how we deliver the curriculum and for a chance for you to experience some of the activities we do. Date will follow in the next newsletter.

Treasure Boxes

Please remember to send your "treasure boxes" into pre-school with your children. Individual treasure boxes provide an ideal way to develop children's personal, social and emotional learning. These are "shoe boxes" which we ask you to add a photograph on the top of the box of your child, decorate with your child and fill them up with their most treasured possessions i.e. postcards, favourite toys, shells, tickets from the zoo etc. Please return them to pre-school after the summer holidays.

Treasure Boxes (cont)

These boxes can be taken home and treasures changed and then brought back to pre-school. The boxes provide the opportunity for children to share their memories and contents with their friends and key person. The key person will also have their own special box which they will share with their key group. The treasure boxes also provide children with a sense of ownership, help demonstrate that each child is valued, boosts children's confidence and self-esteem and help the children to learn respect and take pride in looking after their own boxes.

Flopsy the Bunny

For our new parents, Flopsy is Ide Hill pre-school's travelling Bunny. He has been on many wonderful adventures. During the past year, he has travelled extensively, to Paris, New York and Canada!

Each week the Bunny is taken home by one of the children, there is an opportunity for you to write, draw or take photographs of his weekend adventures with you. He is then returned after the weekend. In Flopsy's overnight bag there is a scrap book, some questions for discussion and a change of clothes. On Monday we discuss and look at Flopsy's book during circle time. We look forward to your comments.

PE Sessions

Please try and ensure your child has trainers or soft shoes for PE, our PE days are detailed on the notice board. We will be inviting parents into pre-school next term to watch a session.

Colour Table

Please kindly send your child in with an item for our colour table.

Week 1 - Yellow

Week 2 - Blue

Week 3 - Red

Week 4 - Green

Week 5 - Orange

Week 6 - Purple

Week 7 - Pink

Wellies

The children enjoy using the garden area and it would be helpful if they could bring a pair of named wellies to pre-school for wet days, please leave these by their pegs. Welly walk dates will be on our website/planning sheets on the notice board. Please also note that the children do get very dirty at pre-school, through painting and gardening activities, please dress them appropriately. We also sell uniforms; consisting of Fleeces and Polo shirts, please speak to Mrs Sharp to purchase these.

Welly Walks

Please could we have parent volunteers for our welly walks which are scheduled on, the following dates:

Monday 12 September 1.45 pm

Tuesday 4 October 09.30 am

We must have a ratio of 1:2.



Birthdays

13 September - Eryn

12 October - Harry

Star of the week

Each week a child will be nominated by their key person for an achievement they have made during pre-school. Names will follow on the next newsletter.



Warmest wishes

Liz Money
Manager