

# Lydlynch Preschool

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## Closure / Inset Dates

### February 14<sup>th</sup>

Inset Day – Pre-School

Closed

### February 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Half Term

### April 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Easter Holidays

### May 8<sup>th</sup>

Bank Holiday – Pre-School

Closed

### May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

Half Term

### July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Inset Day - School Leavers

Party – Pre-School Closed

### Summer Holiday start

23<sup>rd</sup> July

Dear Parents / Carers,

On behalf of the team at Lydlynch Pre-School we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families that have joined us following the Christmas break and welcome back everyone else.

This newsletter aims to provide you with all the information that you will need for the year ahead.

Kind Regards,

The Pre-School Team

## Shout Out

We would like to say well done to all the children who have started their journey at pre-school, they have settled really well. The first day of pre-school is an exciting time in your child's life. Our experienced staff are on-hand to work with you in ensuring a smooth transition into pre-school life. We would also like to thank all our returning children for making their new friends feel welcome.

## Team news

Following the Summer holidays, the team completed a two-day paediatric first aid training course and are now level 2 qualified.

Kayleigh has been enrolled in a new project that aims to support children in early years with a focus on supporting home learning and the prime areas of learning. We have launched our new 'Walk and Talk' board which gives parents information about what the children have done during the session and are currently in the process of creating a new climbing frame and wellness area to support physical and emotional development.

We would like to welcome Layla to the team, she will be covering for Natasha whilst she is on maternity leave. Layla has settled in with the team nicely and the children have enjoyed having a new adult to play with. Natasha's last day with us will be 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, we wish her all the luck with the new addition to her family.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 25<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Stay and Play

March 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Themed Stay & Play 10 – 11.30am

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mad Hatters Tea Party 2pm

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Cardwell & Simons Group Photo – 1.30pm

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Totton & Eling Carnival

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June Graduation Photographs

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sports Day

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15 Year Birthday Celebration

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pre-School Leavers Graduation Party

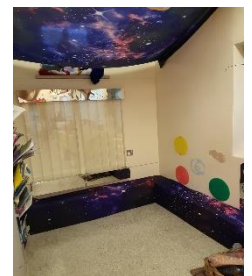
## Fundraising

Christmas fayre & Carol Concert – Thank you to all of the families that came along to the Christmas Concert and fayre. We are pleased to announce that we raised £203.64 to go towards new resources for the children.

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all parents and carers for their continued support during our fundraising events and for donating their time in supporting the Lydlynch Team. This year we would like to raise money to purchase a new pirate ship and some extra shading for the outside areas. If you are interested in getting involved with the fundraising team, please contact [sam@lydlynchpreschool.co.uk](mailto:sam@lydlynchpreschool.co.uk)

With the money that we have raised we have been able to buy the following.

- Wooden toys used for quiet times after lunches
- Clear toy boxes so that the children can see the contents and help themselves
- Tuff tray stands to free up the tables and enable us to have them inside and outside at the children's level.
- A construction shed to store resources that the children can access
- Large weighing scales for both inside and outside for the children to enhance their math skills
- A toy digger spotted in Ikea
- Decorating the pre-school calmer colours to make the playroom an enabling environment as recommended on recent training courses.
- A shed which will be used as a mindful area outside where the children can relax
- Space material, foam and covering to kit out the pre-school sensory area, making it safer for the children.
- To pay for the pre-school children who were able to go to Marwell Zoo with the team.
- A couple of mini sheds to store the resources for the mud kitchen
- Paint and varnish to protect the new sheds and restore the mud kitchens and protect them from the elements.



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## Important Information

Please ensure all bags, lunchboxes, water bottles, clothes, hats, sun creams and toys are **NAMED** to avoid lost property. If one of your child's belongings is misplaced, please look in the lost property box, located on the lunch trolley at drop off and pick up time.

If your child is likely to be absent, please inform us by 9am (where possible) by phoning the pre-school.

It is vital that you notify a member of staff when someone else will be collecting your child. Please ensure that the collecting adult has the password that was provided at registration. We will not be able to let your child leave the premises if the proper procedure is not adhered to. Please could we also remind parents/carers that anyone collecting children must be over 18 years of age.

The pre-school encourages healthy eating and therefore would ask that your child's lunch box does not contain fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets etc. Due to allergies, the pre-school is a nut free zone so please ensure that there are **no products that contain nuts** in your child's lunchbox. Please ensure that grapes and cocktail sausages are cut in half to minimise the risk of choking.

Due to the unpredictability of our weather, please make sure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing, such as a jacket, wellington boots, hat and sun cream etc. Please note that if your child does not have appropriate outdoor clothing or protection they may be unable to access the outdoor areas.

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## Parking

Please may we ask you to park considerately and not block resident's driveways. We have received complaints from residents regarding blocked access to properties, so we ask you to bear this in mind when you are parking outside the school.

If you choose to park in the surrounding streets, please park sensibly and safely by:

- Not parking on the pavements
- Not blocking driveways
- Not mounting grass verges or parking on open spaces
- Not obstructing access, especially for delivery and emergency vehicles

The Police regularly patrol the local area and will issue fixed penalty tickets to vehicles if they are repeatedly found to be obstructing the pavements or driveways.

Parent and Carers are also welcome to park at Totton & Eling Cricket Club before and after school to keep Lydlynch Road a little bit clearer and safer.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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