

Lydlynch Preschool

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year !

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

Please see below the latest news from the pre-school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

Kind regards,

The Pre-School Team

Team News

Lydlynch Pre-School are committed to supporting students who are working towards a diploma in childcare, and we work closely with Totton college to offer work experience placements for students.

Last term we were joined by a student from Totton college, Lucy, and she has decided to extend her placement with the pre-school until half term and she will be doing a block week with us the week beginning 14th February 2022.



Closure / Inset Dates

Tuesday 4th January

Pre-School reopens

February 21st - February 25th

Half Term

Monday 28th February

Pre-School reopens

March 2022

Pre-School photos will be taken during March when the weather permits!

Friday 8th April

Pre-School closed for trip

April 11th – April 22nd

Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April

Pre-School reopens

Monday 9th May & Tuesday 10th May

Parents Evening

May 30th – June 3rd

Half Term

Monday 6th June

Pre-School reopens

Wednesday 20th July

Pre-School Leavers Party

Thursday 21st July

Pre-School closed for Summer



UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the rising cases in the Omicron variant, we will be scaling back our events, focusing on those that can still be carried out whilst keeping safe and being able to maintain social distancing.

School trip – We are hoping to have our annual pre-school trip on Friday 8th April. The team have two suggestions and we will be asking parents to vote for their preferred destination via Google forms before we confirm. The choices are as follows:

- Longdown Activity Farm
- New Forest Wildlife Centre

Pre-School photographs – The pre-school photographs will be taken during the month of March. We will take the photographs, weather permitting, in the first couple of weeks so if you would like your child to wear anything special, please let us know.

Following the success of our last sponsored bounce the team will be organising a sponsored 'We're going on a bear hunt' walk. The date is still to be confirmed however, we are looking for it to take place on a Saturday so that the families can be involved

We will be having a leavers party for all of the children who are off to 'big' school on Wednesday 20th July. Please keep an eye out for further details.

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.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY – We received a complaint from a resident who witnessed a parent reverse into their concrete fence post and breaking it before driving off. They understand that accidents happen however are, understandably, upset that the driver of the vehicle drove away without leaving any details.

Therefore, we ask parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting their children to reserve caution when reversing and driving in the road.

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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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 green table by the noticeboard 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 other than chocolate biscuit bars, 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 lengthways 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.

Fundraising

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. Your continued support helps us to provide the children with Christmas presents and birthday cards as well as improving the setting for the children. If you are interested in getting involved with the fundraising team or have any new ideas, please contact sam@lydlynchpreschool.co.uk

We are currently saving our money to pay for a playground renovation however we are always on the look out for a bargain. We would like to reduce the amount of plastic at the pre-school and have been able to enhance our mud kitchen area with a wooden kitchen, which we painted to match the existing ones. The children have had lots of fun creating new recipes, using the oven and cleaning with the useable tap.

