

Lydlynch Preschool

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Closure / Inset Dates

May 31st – June 6th

Half Term

June 7th

Inset Day

July 23rd

Pre-School closed for leavers party

July 24th

Summer holiday starts

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 who joined us following the Easter 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.

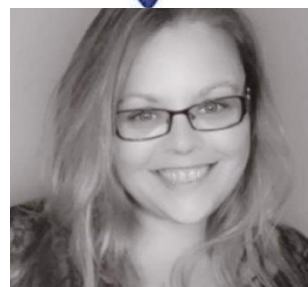
Kind regards,

The Pre-School Team



Team News

We would like to introduce Jodie to the team, she will be helping us if any of the team are poorly or need to take time out for continued professional development.



We have also had a new student called Karla, join the team. She will be working with us every Thursday; she has fitted into the team nicely and the children really enjoy her company. Unfortunately, I haven't got a picture for the newsletter 😞

Vacancy

Cover Staff – We are currently looking for cover staff. If you are considering a career in childcare and would like to gain some experience this may be the role for you. We are looking for someone to cover team members who are unable to come into work due to illness therefore we are looking for who is flexible and can cover at short notice.

A qualification in childcare is not essential however the ideal candidate will need to enjoy getting climbed on/over, having their hair done, making mud pies, playing what's the time Mr Wolf?, reading lots of stories, being put in pre-school jail, dancing like a looney and generally just having lots of fun with the children – side note you may have to wash up!

If you think you know someone or would like to apply yourself please call the pre-school on 023 8086 3176 or email sam@lydlynchpreschool.co.uk for an application form.

COVID-19

Thank you to everyone for following the Government guidelines and for wearing your masks when dropping off and collecting your children during this lockdown period. From Monday 17th May with the Government easing the restrictions further, wearing face coverings is optional at drop off and collection. However, social distancing needs to be adhered to at all times.

To reduce congestion and encourage social distancing at the end of the day the pre-school will continue to open the gates at 3:00 for parents / carers to collect their children. Please can we remind parents / carers that the pre-school finishes at 3:15 and children need to be collected by this time. The team are required to carry out an intense cleaning routine at the end of the day which is why it is important for children to be collected on time. Should an issue arise that means that you are unable to collect on time please can you contact the pre-school to make the team aware.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them home, book a COVID-19 test and inform us of the result as soon as possible.

- High temperature
- Persistent cough
- Loss of taste or smell

If your child seems under the weather or has been poorly, and you are unsure if they should be attending pre-school 'Healthier Together' is a website and app that you can download that is packed with information, tips and advice for parents. Find them online at <https://what0-18nhs.uk>

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The pre-school will continue to hold a hiatus on the 'Half term celebration' sessions to limit the people attending the setting and minimize the risk of infection. We hope to return to our usual schedule in September.

Due to the fact that the Government will not be lifting the restrictions until the 21st June (fingers crossed) we have made the decision to cancel this year's school trip that was planned for 7th June.

Sadly, we have had to cancel our 'Sweet sixteen' celebration for a second year due to the current pandemic.

To raise funds this term we will be having a sponsored bounce at pre-school. We will be sending home sponsor forms soon with further information.

We are planning to have a stall at the Totton & Eling Car Boot Sale on Sunday 6th June, we hope to see you there.

We will be having a leavers party for all of the children who are off to 'big' school on 23rd July 2021. Please keep an eye out for further details.

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.

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

This is what we have been able to achieve this year due to your generosity and kindness



New changing unit to support the children's gross motor skills and help the adults with their bad backs!



Sensory / Quiet area – A space for the children to relax and chill out, with a bubble wall, infinity mirror and wipe clean sofas



Sensory Garden – Lots of new plants and herbs for the sensory garden

Artificial Grassing – Added privacy and sensory wall for the garden

