

Lydlynch Preschool

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Closure / Inset Dates

September 4th – 5th

Inset Days – Pre-School
Closed

September 6th

Pre-School opens

October 25th

Inset Day - Trip to Marwell

October 26th-November 3rd

Half Term

December 23rd – 5th January

Christmas Holiday

February 14th

Inset Day – Pre-School
Closed

February 15th – 23rd

Half Term

April 4th – 19th

Easter Holidays

May 8th

Bank Holiday – Pre-School
Closed

May 23rd – 31st

Half Term

July 22nd

Inset Day - School Leavers
Party – Pre-School Closed

Summer Holiday start

23rd July

Dear Parents / Carers,

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

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 preschool, they have settled really well. We would also like to thank all our returning children for making their new friends feel welcome.

Fundraising

This year we would like to fundraise for a canopy for the outside area. This will offer the children shelter from the rain and on the rare occasions that we have it the sun.

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. If you are interested in getting involved with the fundraising team, please contact sam@lydlynchpreschool.co.uk



Extraordinary General Meeting

Following the EGM on the 6th August we would like to reassure you that the pre-school will be remaining open however the Directors are still exploring three options moving forward, in summary these are;

Continue as we are – It was agreed 4 or more trustees would be needed to join the board to ensure the preschool is run effectively and we are compliant with Ofsted and the Charities Commission. This is a great opportunity to enhance your CV and gain experience in management. Please register your interest by emailing lydlynchpredirectors@gmail.com or alternatively join us for our Annual General Meeting on the 20th November, 7pm at Totton & Eling Community Centre;

Approach the school – The Directors have arranged a meeting with the school to discuss their considerations.

Approach an external company – The pre-school would be put out to tender, offering an external company to take over the setting.

We will keep everyone updated with any decisions made.

Exciting News – Marwell Trip!

Our trip to Marwell last year was such a success and we are so excited to tell you that we have planned another trip to Marwell Zoo this year. The Pre-School Team are looking forward to liaising with parents and children to build upon parent partnership and learning more about their key children.

Please keep your eye out for a letter in your child's book bag which for further details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18th – Child's Perspective Stay & Play

October 24th – Pumpkin Stay & Play 2pm

October 25th – Trip to the Zoo

November 14th – Diwali Celebrations

November 18th – 22nd Individual portrait photos

December 13th – Carol Concert and Christmas Stay & Play **TBC**

February 25th – Pancake Stay and Play

March 5th – World Book Day

April 2nd – Easter Themed Stay & Play 10 – 11.30am

May 22nd – Mad Hatters Tea Party 2pm

June 11th – Cardwell & Simons Group Photo – 1.30pm

June 20th – Totton & Eling Carnival

June 22nd – 26th June Graduation Photographs

July 3rd – Sports Day – **TBC**

July 11th – 15 Year Birthday Celebration

July 22nd – Pre-School Leavers Graduation Party

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 preschool.

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.

Achievements

Last year was a very busy year for the team with regards to continuing their professional development.

Claire and Sam completed their 2 years of studying and successfully completed their level five foundation degree in Early Years Education. They also updated their safeguarding knowledge by completing their level four in Safeguarding training.

Nicky achieved her level four in Early Years Education, and completed Special Educational Needs training with Sam.

Claire, Sam and Sarah are qualified Lead Language Practitioners after attending training to increase their knowledge in supporting children with speech and language delay.

All the team participated in training over the year that enhanced their knowledge in first stage phonics and implementing the Early Years Foundation Stage. The team came into pre-school two days before the children this term to refresh their first aid and are now all qualified in level two pediatric first aid.

And Finally,

After 14 years with Lydlynch Pre-School Claire has been offered a new opportunity to further her career and will be leaving with us on the 15th October.

Claire has been an asset to the team and will be missed. Sam will be on hand during this period of change should you have any queries.

We wish her all the best in her new adventure 😊
