

Lydlynch Preschool

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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 Summer 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



Fundraising

This year fundraising will be a bit different; the team will be discussing options at the upcoming team meeting.

We will be taking the children's photographs the week commencing the 16th November.

Sadly, we will not be able to do our annual Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Fayre like we have in past years, but we are looking at virtual ways of making this happen. We are holding out hope that we will be able to celebrate the pre-school's 16th birthday party in July.

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

With the money that we have raised we have been able to buy the children new tables, our wellness shed, complete our mud kitchen, equipment to make a climbing wall and start creating a sensory garden. We would like to raise money towards adapting the log cabin to make it more user friendly and to add more shelter to the outside areas.



Closure / Inset Dates

December 17th & 18th

Inset Days

December 19th – January 3rd

Christmas Holiday

February 13th-21st

Half Term

March 19th

Inset Day

April 2nd – 18th

Easter Holidays

May 3rd

Bank Holiday

May 31st – June 8th

Half Term

July 23rd

Pre-School closed for leavers party - TBC

July 24th

Summer holiday starts

New tables



Climbing wall

Mud kitchen



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. It has been fun seeing all of the different designs.

We are so proud with how well the children have adapted to the changes that we have had to implement to comply with the guidelines. The pre-school will keep updated with any changes that are required and will endeavour to remain open.

To reduce congestion and encourage social distancing at the end of the day the pre-school will be opening 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

During this lockdown period, if you are looking for something to do with the children check out Cosmic Kids and Jumpstart Jonny on YouTube. They are lots of fun, we have been doing them in the pre-school 🤖

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have not planned any stay and play events due to the current pandemic, however we are looking into possible socially distanced events at the next team meeting.

We will be offering the children the opportunity to receive a letter from Father Christmas.

We are hoping to organise a pre-school trip in June.

We would like to organise a sponsored walk for the children themed around 'We're going on a bear hunt.' This will be after the Christmas period so watch this space.

In July the pre-school will have been open for 16 years. To celebrate we would like to have a large 'Sweet sixteen' birthday party to celebrate if we can.

We will be having a leavers party for all of the children who are off to 'big' school in July. This has been provisionally booked for Friday 23rd July 2021

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.

Team news

We would like to welcome Helen to the team. Helen joined the team the week before we entered the national lockdown in March and was thrown in at the deep end. She has settled in with the team nicely and the children have enjoyed having a new adult to play with.

You may have seen another new face at the pre-school lately. We would like to welcome Sarah to the team, she has joined as bank staff and will be helping us out to cover any team absences.

Kayleigh has had to start her maternity leave early, her last day was Monday 2nd November, we wish her all the luck with the new addition to her family. Alison, who was previously a member of our bank team, will be covering Kayleigh's hours whilst she is on maternity leave.

Natasha and her husband welcomed a healthy baby girl to their family in March 2020. Mummy and baby are all doing well.



Meet Alison



Meet Helen



Meet Sarah
