

Lydlynch Preschool

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Closure / Inset Dates

October 25th – October 29th
Half Term

Monday November 1st
Pre-School reopens

December 20th – January 3rd
Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 4th January
Pre-School reopens

February 21st -0 February 25th
Half Term

Monday 28th February
Pre-School reopens

Friday 8th April
Pre-School closed for trip

April 11th – April 22nd
Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April
Pre-School reopens

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

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

Karla



Sue



Team News

You may remember our student from last year, we are pleased to announce that she has joined the pre-school team as our new apprentice. Karla will be working towards her level two diploma and supporting Nikki glasses with the squirrels group.

We have two new cover staff that have joined the team, Sue and Julie. They will be helping in the event of any absences due to illness of for any training sessions

Sue is working towards her level 3 diploma in childcare and therefore will also be volunteering at the setting from time to time.

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. Following the half term we will be joined by Lucy, a student who will be working every Monday and Tuesday up until Christmas. Lucy will also be doing a block week during December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas – now that the restrictions have lifted, we would like to resume our celebrations. We are going to start with a Christmas fayre. Save the date – Wednesday 15th December – More details to follow.



Pancake stay & play – Tuesday 1st March

School trip – Another date to earmark is the Friday 8th April. We are hoping to have our annual pre-school trip on this day. The team have three suggestions and we will be asking parents to vote for their preferred destination before we confirm. The choices are as follows:

- Longdown Activity Farm
- New Forest Wildlife Centre
- Southampton City Farm (depending on if it has reopened)

Pre-School photographs – The pre-school photographs will be taken around Easter this year.

Following the success of our last sponsored bounce the team have been coming up with ideas for another sponsorship event. We would like it if it could be more interactive with families. Any ideas welcome.

If your child is starting school in September 2022 you will need to apply for their place by 15th January 2022. Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2022 - <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/how-to-apply>

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.

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.

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



A new art easel, so now we can offer the children painting every day as well as a planned activity



A new mobile art station – now we can take the creation station to where



A new 'Walk & Talk' board to give the parents an idea of what we have been doing at pre-school

A new noticeboard after the wind destroyed our old one.

