

Lydlynch Preschool

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Closure / Inset Dates

October 24th – October 28th
Half Term

Monday 31st October

Pre-School reopens

Pumpkin stay and play 2pm

Week commencing 7th

November

Pre-School Photo's

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Carol Concert & Fayre
2pm

19th December – 2nd January

Christmas holidays

Tuesday 3rd January

Pre-School reopens

13th February – 17th February

Half term

Monday 20th February

Pre-School reopens

Tuesday 21st February

Pancake stay and play 2pm

Friday 31st March

Easter craft stay and play 2pm

3rd April – 14th April

Easter holidays

Monday 17th April

Pre-School reopens

Monday 1st May

Bank holiday

Tuesday 2nd May

Pre-School trip – location TBC

29th May – 2nd June

Half term

Monday 5th June

Pre-School reopens

Thursday 15th June

Royal tea party stay and play
2pm

Saturday 15th July

Pre-Schools 18th Birthday Party

Tuesday 18th July

Last day of the summer term

Wednesday 19th July

Graduation party for school
leavers

Dear Parents / Carers,

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

It has definitely been an interesting start to this academic year with a surprise visit from environmental health and then an Ofsted inspection! We are pleased to say that we were scored 5 out of 5 by environmental health, and we will email the Ofsted report to all parents once it has been published.

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

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 an annual pre-school trip as well as improving the setting for the children. Here are a few of our purchases.

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

Our new pond,
pump, fish, plants
and accessories



A new wider and
safer gate



Bouncy
castle



Water wall with
handmade
blackboards



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay and plays are back! Stay and play sessions are events that all parents and children can attend, it doesn't matter if your child does not attend that session. We have tried to organise them to fall on different days of the week to help parents attend who may have other commitments on certain days.

Pumpkin Stay and Play – Monday 31st October – Parents are invited come to pre-school with a pumpkin, from 2pm, so that they can carve it with their children. The team will organise a pumpkin hunt, a Halloween themed sensory tray, offer biscuit icing (for a small fee) and will be selling cakes and treats to raise funds for the pre-school.

Pancake Stay & Play – Tuesday 21st February – This stay and play event is booked in advance as we need to know how many pancakes to make. We ask for £2 per family, which is payable in advance, to cover the cost of ingredients and toppings.

Easter Craft Stay & Play – Friday 31st March – This stay and play event is booked in advance, there is a charge of £3 per child and this covers the cost of a craft kit and special treat. There are Easter themed crafts, an egg hunt and cakes for sale.

Royal Tea Party Stay and Play – Thursday 15th June – This stay and play event is booked in advance as we need to know how many sandwiches we will be making. We ask for £2 per child to cover the costs of the food and there will be themed crafts and a cake sale.

Christmas Carol Concert – Thursday 15th December - We are pleased to announce, that following consultation with the school, our Christmas Carol Concert is back! On Thursday 15th December we will be inviting parents and grandparents to watch the children as they step on stage to sing you some Christmas songs. This will be followed by our Christmas Fayre which the team will be organizing after the half term. Keep a look out for further information that will be going home in November

Summer Birthday Party – Saturday 15th July – Lydlynch Pre-School is turning 18!!! After COVID-19 ruined the plans we had to celebrate our 'Sweet Sixteen' birthday, we have decided that we will instead celebrate turning 18 with a big Summer Party / Birthday Fayre. We will start planning for the event after the Christmas break, if you have any ideas or are able to help to man a stall please let a member of the team know.

We will endeavor to keep our Facebook Page, Tapestry account and the website up to date with the information on all of the upcoming events.



Pre-School Fees

As a charity run pre-school, we rely heavily on the prompt payment of pre-school fees. If you are struggling to pay your bill, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the management team.

Hot Dinners

Hot dinners are supplied by Hampshire County Council who have just informed us of a substantial increase in the cost of each meal from 31st October. Due to low interest this term and the price increase, we have decided that it would be unsustainable to keep providing them. We pay Hampshire County Council for the meals, but we found that some parents last term did not always pay. Thank you to those parents that did.

We always made sure children were never left without a meal, but this has meant that we have currently paid £421.26 for meals that has come from our own funds that could have been used on resources for the children.

We are looking into other in-house options that supports our parents and children. We will keep you informed.

Can you help?

The team are always appreciative to receive donations that will enhance the children's learning experiences. If you are having a clear out we are on the lookout for the following;

- Real life clothes for dress up
- Yoghurt pots/loo rolls/ cereal boxes etc for junk modelling
- Any paints or creative resources to enhance our creation station
- Any out-of-date food stuff that we can use for sensory activities

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.

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.

As the weather is getting colder, please can you ensure that you wrap your children up nice and warm, supply spare clothes and wet weather gear for rainy days.

Parking

Please may we ask that you park considerately and do 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.

We also ask parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting their children to reserve caution when reversing and driving up and down the road.

If you choose to park in the surrounding streets, please park sensibly and safely by:

- 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.