

# Lydlynch Preschool

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe that we are starting the beginning of the last term of the year. 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 to 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

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## Starting 'Big' School

For those parents who have children that will be going to infant school in September you should have received an email or letter confirming your child's space during the Easter holiday. If you have not yet heard about a school place you will need to contact the admissions team as soon as possible on 0300 555 1377 / [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk).

If you have received an offer inviting your child to start at a school you will need to visit the school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May with a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport and two letters / bills / statements confirming the address that you lived at when you applied for a school place.

We work very closely with the local schools during the transition period and will liaise with them to ensure that your child has a smooth transition from pre-school to infant school.

## 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 lunches – The pre-school pays Hampshire County Council for the hot lunches that the children eat, please ensure that you pay for these dinners in advance.



## Closure / Inset Dates

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Pre-School reopens

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Parents Evening

### May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Half Term

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Pre-School reopens

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Pre-School Leavers Party

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Inset Day

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Pre-School closed for Summer



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent's Evening – We will be holding parents evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 3:30-5:00 and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 3:30 – 4:30. If you would like to meet with your child's keyworkers to discuss anything please book a slot.

Stay and Play – As restrictions have been lifted and we are heading back to 'normal' we would like to reintroduce our stay and play sessions. We hope to be able to do this before we break up for the Summer so watch this space.

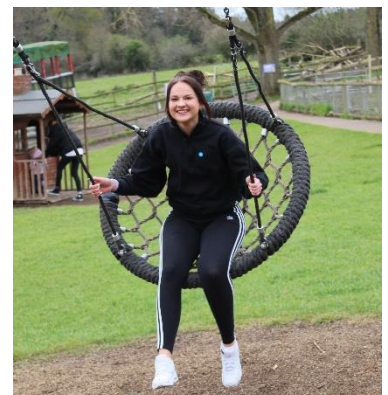
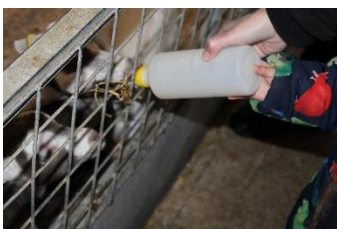
Leavers Party – We will be having a leavers party for all of the children who are off to 'big' school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep an eye out for further details.

## 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](mailto:sam@lydlynchpreschool.co.uk)

We are still looking for a building company to visit and provide us with a quotation to renovate our step area to make it safer for the children. We have had one quotation however need to have at least one more to compare. Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic builders have a lot of work to catch up on and are fully booked. If you know anyone that could supply a quotation, please can you send them in our direction.

We are currently saving our money to pay for a playground renovation however we are always on the look out for a bargain. Recently we have used the monies raised to purchase a new green house after ours was destroyed by storm Eunice, a fence renovation as ours had rotted away and a trip to Longdown Activity Farm for the pre-school children. We weren't sure who had more fun though, the team or the children! 😊



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## 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 green table by the noticeboard 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.

As the weather is warming up please can you supply a bottle of sun cream that we can keep at the setting so that we can apply it to your child(ren) during their sessions. If you would like it to be sent home at the end of each session please let us know. It can be a bit busy at the end of the day so if we forget to pop it back in your child's bag please let us know and we will rectify this as soon as possible.

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## 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.

Therefore, we 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 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.

Thank you for your co-operation.