



Hillside Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

12th January '12

All the Hillside team wishes you and your families a very Happy New Year!

A warm welcome to all our new children and their parents. We hope they will enjoy their time at Hillside Pre-School.

It was lovely to see the children come in after their Christmas break and they were excited to tell us about what they had been up to and what Santa brought them!

We have plenty of fundraising events in the pipeline and we will also be holding the Hillside AGM on Tuesday 21st February at 8pm. Please make sure you keep the dates in your diary and be aware of notices displayed in the foyer of the Pre-school and look out for parents e-mail.

Thank you for your support
The Hillside Committee

Hillside Annual General Meeting Florence Brown Hall

Our AGM is to be held on **Tuesday 21st February at 8pm**. At the AGM we will be reviewing the past year, looking forward to the year ahead and electing new members to the committee.

To be able to stand for election on the Committee at the forthcoming AGM you would need to become a 'Member' of Hillside Pre-School (Chorleywood) Ltd. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all Parents to become a 'Member' of Hillside Pre-School (Chorleywood) Ltd. Please give your written consent (by email: isalineclavier@hillsidepreschool.co.uk) if you wish to become a Family Member of Hillside Pre-School. We will send more information shortly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 26 th Jan	Quiz Night - The Stag 8pm
Wed 1 st Feb	'Chat with Emma' 9.15-10.15am
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th	HALF TERM CLOSED
Tues 21 st Feb	Hillside AGM 8pm Main Hall
Fri 30 th March	Last day of term NO LUNCH CLUB
Mon 2 nd - Fri 13 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS CLOSED
Tues 1 st May	Photographer 9.15am - 11am
Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th June	HALF TERM

Dear Parents,

The term has started successfully with lots of new little ones and a few tears have turned into lots of happy smiling faces!!

On **Wednesday 1st February straight after drop off** in the hall, I will go through and explain the Early Years Foundation Stage and talk about what the children do at Hillside. Please see details overleaf.

We started the term with the arctic animals' topic. The children started learning about animals that live in the arctic. They have been getting creative and made igloos and painted polar bears, penguins... They have enjoyed playing with ice and freezing cold water! Later on in the term, we will talk about Healthy Foods, learn about body parts, particularly the heart in time for our Valentine week! We hope to have a visit from a local GP to talk to the children about keeping healthy. We will also celebrate Chinese New Year at the end of this month. We shall be doing lots of crafts to do with the celebrations!

Quiz Night

Following the great success of this event, we have scheduled another date for a Quiz Night! This will be taking place at The Stag in Chorleywood on **Thursday 26th January - 8pm at The Stag**. Get your family and friends together to make a team, don't worry if there are only a couple of you, you will be placed into a team and let the fun battle commence!!

Emma Weidner - Pre-School Manager

Meeting and Chat with Emma
Wednesday 1st February 09:15am to 10:15am Florence Brown Hall

Emma Weidner our Pre-School Manager will be giving a talk about what goes on at Hillside, what our plans are for the coming term and an overview of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how this affects your children's time at Hillside. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be a chance for you to have a chat with Emma at the end, so please put the date in your diaries and look out for further details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Arriving at pre-school

In the morning, we would like all children to come in with their book bags and place them in the designated box when entering the classroom. We will be helping the children to start with until they are familiar with the new routine!

We will use the book bags to place the children art works and any correspondence.

Please make sure your child's book bag is named and ensure you check and empty it on a daily basis.

Spare Clothing

Occasionally, we may need to change a child's clothing. If you have not provided your child with spare clothes, we dress them in Hillside spare clothing. However, on numerous occasions we are not receiving those items of clothing back.

Please can you check at home and return any items that belong to the pre-school as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

It is still Winter!

As the weather is still changeable, **please ensure you send your child in with a proper winter coat and hat.** Recently we have had children who were under dressed expressing they were cold. Please make sure they have appropriate shoes. **If your child comes in with wellie boots, please make sure they have a pair of shoes to change into for the classroom.**

Lunch Club

For those children attending lunch club, we kindly remind you that chocolate bars and packet of sweets are not permitted!

Payments Spring Term 2012

We would like to thank you all for your prompt payments for the Spring Term. The invoices for the Summer Term will be going out at the end of March.

T-shirts and book bags

We hold various sweatshirts and t-shirts for purchase in addition to book bags. If you wish to buy any items, please contact us.

Tables and Chairs for Hire

Having your child's birthday party at home? Hire tables and chairs from Hillside. It costs £5 for a table with 4 chairs and all proceeds go directly to funds for our children. See Isaline in the office or a member of the staff team to book

EASY FUNDRAISERS

Here is a reminder of the 'easy fundraisers' available at Hillside at no extra cost to you..

Shopping and fundraising in one!

Do you shop online at **Tesco, Asda, John Lewis, Boots, M&S, Next, Boden, Argos, ELC, Amazon** etc., or do you renew your car insurance online?

Using www.easyfundraising.org.uk as a 'gateway' for all your online shopping is a brilliantly easy way to raise money for Hillside Pre-School. It costs you nothing and easyfundraising will give a small percentage of the total cost of your purchase directly to Hillside.

All you have to do is log onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register, selecting Hillside Pre-School as your charity (takes less than a minute). Then, every time you shop online, log into easyfundraising first and access your chosen online store through their list, which will take you straight into the shop's own site. There are over 600 retailers listed so give it a try!

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