



Hillside Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

21st November '11

We hope you have all had an enjoyable term so far and gearing up for Christmas! We have plenty of events coming up and we would love you to support every event. We do require as many helpers as possible - from tea/coffee making to selling cakes on a stall!! So if you can help us to raise our profile within the community we really do appreciate it.

The children enjoy a very busy session at pre-school; therefore it is important that they have a decent breakfast before coming in, so that they are ready to embrace an active morning!

At this busy time of year, don't forget that you can take advantage of the lunch club (12:15 to 13:30) if you need more time for your Christmas shopping! Drop us an e-mail or let us know at the door!

Thank you for your support
The Hillside Committee

Chorleywood Christmas Evening Friday 2nd December 4pm- 9pm

It's always a special time of the year on the run up to Christmas! Therefore, we like to participate in the Late Night Shopping evening with hosting a stall selling lovely **homemade cakes and biscuits and holding a raffle!** We kindly ask you to donate any bottles of drink, chocolates, unwanted 'new' gifts to put in to the raffle which raises funds for Hillside! I'm sure many of you out there enjoy baking...so put on your apron, deck the halls with laughter and get baking!! We really appreciate it. We will be accepting cakes from pick up on **Thursday 1st December.**

A chart will be going up in the foyer to offer your help and support on the night!!

Nativity Play - Thursday 8th December at 11:30am

This is the time of the year you've all really been waiting for...the Nativity Play! The children will be singing a variety of Christmas songs for your entertainment and to get you all in the party spirit. Please feel free to invite friends and family along to see your little ones, they will want to join in with the fun and are very welcome! All children are invited to participate in the Nativity play. We ask that children come in at normal time 9.15am. All those children who are not usually due in on a Thursday session must be in at 11am at the latest to allow for changing into their outfits.

Mince pies and tea / coffee will be served in the Florence Brown hall at 10.45am followed by the Nativity Play in the Church at 11:30am.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2 nd Dec	Chorleywood Christmas Evening
Thursday 8 th Dec	Nativity Play in Church 11:30am
Thursday 15 th Dec	Christmas Party 10:15am 12:15pm
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term - No lunch club
Tuesday 3 rd Jan	Inset day - Pre-school closed
Wed 4 th Jan	Back to Pre-school

Dear Parents,

Wow time is flying by, I'm sure you'll agree! We've been concentrating on our topics of Light/Dark, the children enjoyed doing splatter paintings for our fireworks display and they have practised hard with their Road Safety awareness!

The children have regularly worked hard learning to count numbers in order, recognise different shapes and say their colours. The children have also had fun in the garden experiencing a variety of changing weathers throughout this Autumn period!! With only 4 weeks to go until we close for Christmas, the children will be preparing singing their songs in time for the Nativity Play! The children will then be able to relax and have fun in their final week at the Christmas Party!

Sadly we say goodbye to those children starting Nursery. We will miss them and wish them all the best in their new setting!

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year!!

Emma Weidner - Pre-School Manager

Christmas Party - Thursday 15th December 10.15am - 12.15pm

We are holding our annual Christmas Party and will be having 'Em's Loony Discos' again, they did a fantastic job last year and we have requested they come back to entertain us all! If your children do not normally attend on a Thursday, we ask that you stay with your child for the duration of the party. For safety reason, we apologise that we are not able to accomodate siblings.

There will be singing, dancing and a variety of games for the children. The children will be having a party lunch. Please come and pick up your children from the Florence Brown hall at 12:00 and make your way out via the classroom and the quiet room where Father Christmas will be waiting with a little surprise for the children! We kindly ask you, to contibute one food/drink item each. A list will go up on the Pre-school door.

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 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.

Outstanding Payments Autumn Term 2011

Please make sure your final payments reach us **by Friday 9th December at the latest.**

Terms and Conditions

Unfortunately, due to recent unpaid invoices, we have had to amend our terms and conditions. Payments will now be due in full before the start of each term.

If you wish to pay by childcare vouchers, please contact us. Please read our new terms and conditions attached. The Spring Term 2012 invoices will be coming out soon.

Donations

Sadly the cuts in the government funding are still greatly affecting our finances and therefore if you thought of giving any end of year gifts, could we please suggest any donations? This would help us in maintaining our equipments and toys. We thank you in advance.

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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