



Hillside Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

12th September '11

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer period! Welcome back to all those returning to Hillside and a big welcome to all the new children starting with us this term! It is lovely to see so many new faces and the children have been settling in quickly in the care of the dedicated staff team here at Hillside.

This is an exciting time for you and your children and we look forward to watching them develop during their time here!

Thank you for your support
The Hillside Committee

Photographs

We have the photographer come to Hillside twice a year, once in the Summer term and once in the Autumn term ready for giving photographs of your children at Christmas time!

We used a lovely small company called Captured Moments last term and the photographs came out beautifully. We had a positive feedback from the majority of families so we shall be using them again this term. Those children not attending pre-school on this date are welcome to pop in between 9am and 12:00 noon to have their photograph taken. Siblings welcome!

T-shirts and book bags

All new children should have received their t-shirts and book bag either on their pre-visit or first session. If your child has not received any of these items please speak to a member of staff or Emma / Isaline directly who will kindly give these to you.

T-shirts and jumpers in various colours and sizes are available for purchase together with book bags.

Toys

We appreciate starting Pre-school can be a period of adjustment for some children and if they have a comforter they are welcome to bring the item to Hillside. However, can we please ask you to refrain from encouraging your child to bring in toys as this can often result in conflicts between children and we cannot guarantee that they may not go missing or become broken.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 25 th Sept	Harvest Festival celebration Hillside Free Church 10.45am
Monday 17 th Oct	Photographs 09:00 to 12:00
Friday 7 th Oct	Staff meeting - No lunch club
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	October Half Term
Friday 18 th Nov	Staff meeting - No lunch club
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term - No lunch club

Dear Parents,

The team and I have been looking forward to an exciting term ahead and what a lovely start to the term we've had! The children have been coming in really well and are settling beautifully. Children who have shown signs of any wobbles are short lived and have been interested in all Hillside has to offer! The team at Hillside are extremely dedicated to the care and development of your child.

The planned activities will be emailed weekly for your information. You can also see them on the parents information board in the foyer. We all know that children can be a bit reluctant at times to say what they have been doing at Pre-school!

If you have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff or myself and Isaline. We will do all we can to help you and your family. You can also contact your child's keyworker at anytime.

We will keep you regularly informed of important dates to remember and of our fundraising events shortly!

Emma Weidner - Pre-School Manager

Weekly singing session

We are very fortunate that the Rev. Arderne Gillies from Hillside Free Church comes in on a weekly basis to sing with the children. The day varies each week to ensure she sees all the children. She brings in her guitar and the children listen to her play. The children learn a variety of action songs to music which they love!

Rev. Arderne Gillies will also be very happy to welcome you and your children to the weekly Sunday Service from 10:45 to 12:00 noon. Young children welcome!

The Committee

Hillside Pre-School (Chorleywood) Ltd is an incorporated charity run by a dedicated team of parents known as "The Committee". The Committee performs two main functions: Fundraising and the Day to Day Management of the Pre-School.

The Fundraising Team is dedicated to ensuring that we have exciting events and activities organised throughout the year, which raise money for extra equipment and learning materials for the children. The money that has been raised in recent years has enabled us to buy lots of new toys and outdoor equipments, has funded the Children's Christmas Parties and other activities and has allowed us to refurbish the Pre-School Room in Easter 2010.

If you are interested in joining please do contact Emma Weidner or a member of staff.

The Committee Team:

Chair - Jo Day

Treasurer - Amanda Hunter

Secretary - Janice Game

Committee Members - Alison Lowe, Emma Kay, Philippa Goldstein, Tania Ridgeway & Emma Lidster.

Contact Details

If you have changed address, telephone numbers or e-mail, it is very important you inform us immediately of any changes so that we are up-to-date and delays in contacting you are avoided.

Our Morning Session

09:15 am Door opens
09:15 to 10:40 Planned activities / outdoor play
10:40 to 11:00 Snack time
11:00 to 11:15 Hall time (music, dancing, games, etc...)
11:15 to 11:50 Organised activities
11:50 to 12:15 Circle time / story and singing

Lunch Club

12:15 to 12:45 Lunch time
12:45 to 13:30 Free play

Those are approximate time.

Our weekly topics for this half term are :
Shapes (square, rectangle, triangle...), autumn/harvest festival, birthdays and numbers, animals and pets, night/day and light/dark.

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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