



Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone !

8th January 2021

We are pleased to say that Mrs Paula Dashwood has joined our staff team. Paula is a very experienced Early Years practitioner, she will be working predominantly in Ladybirds.

Covid 19 updates

Please see our latest letter regarding Covid-19 and variants.

Bad weather

Staff will endeavour to get into pre-school so that parents can be advised if we are to close in the event of snow. You may check with Dorset County Council on the Dorset for You website. As soon as as we have information regarding closure it will be put on our facebook page and website.

Please remember if Hillside School is closed then the pre-school is closed. In the event of bad weather please do not risk life and limb to get here!!

Focus areas

Our focus this half term will be Winter, Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger) and other countries and cultures. We will continue to talk to children about their emotions and will be teaching positional language. Depending on the weather conditions the frog spawn may also arrive.

Important information

Please do not put chocolate or sweets in your child's lunch box, and please do not put in any peanut based products such as Nutella or nut cereal bars.

Can we also remind you to cut up grapes and small tomatoes longways to prevent any risk of choking.

Please label your child's belongings especially coats, hats, scarves and gloves!

Dates to remember in 2021

Half Term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February (children return on Monday 28th February)

Pre-school closes for Easter on Friday 8th April at 1pm (**no afternoon session**) and return on Monday 25th April.

Monday 2nd May is May Day Bank Holiday – closed.

Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June (**children return on Tuesday 7th June** , Monday 6th June is an inset day)

Pre-school closes for the Summer on Tuesday 19th July at 3pm. (Hillside First school closes on Thursday 21st July)

Elaine Ford , Manager

