

Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group



Monday 22nd April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you all had a good Easter holidays, we would also like to welcome our new children and families this term.

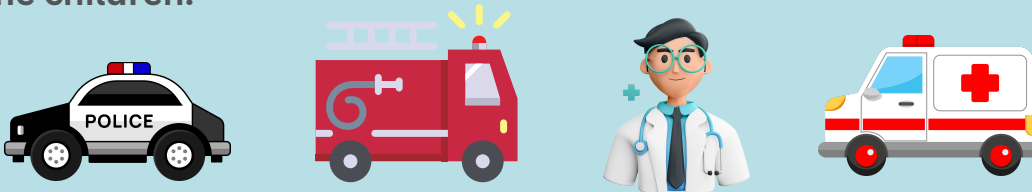
Learning Focus areas linking to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

These are some of the areas we are focusing on this half term . We have also included a few suggested ways for you to help your child at home.

Our main focus this half term is all about **‘People who help us’** and different occupations. We will be encouraging lots of role play, including the Doctors, Cafe, Vets and a construction site. We will also be using stories and reference books with the children.

(EYFS- Show an interest in occupations)

At home, you could talk about the different jobs that people do – for example: teachers, doctors and fire fighters. If you know someone who helps others (Dentist, Nurse, Fire Fighter etc), please let us know as we would love them to come in and talk to the children.



During this half term we will be talking about the life cycle of plants and preparing our vegetable patch for growing flowers, fruits and vegetables. This gives us an opportunity to talk with the children about healthy foods and they can hopefully taste the foods that we grow. We will also be sending home sunflower and runner bean seeds. ***(EYFS - Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant).***

Term Dates 2024

Summer Term

May Day Holiday -
Monday 6th May

Half Term - Monday
27th - Friday 31st May

Children return -
Monday 3rd June

NEW

**INSET DAY - Friday 21st
June**

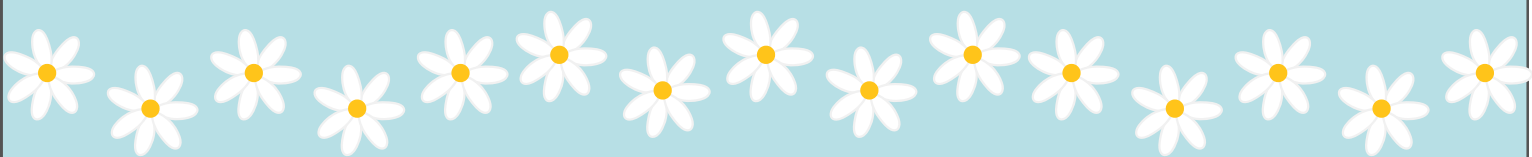
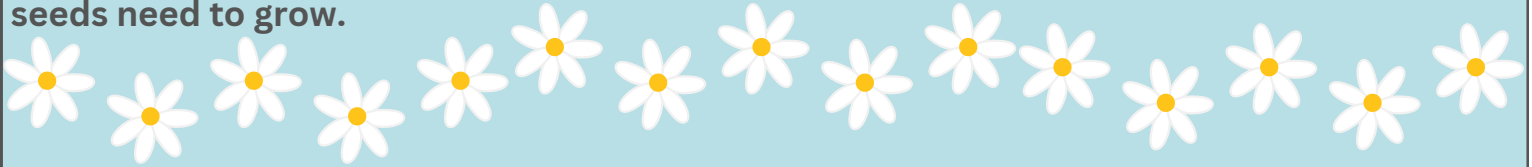
Last day of Term -
Friday 19th July
(First School finish Tuesday
23rd July)



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At home please help your child to care for their growing plants and talk about what the seeds need to grow.



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'WOW' stars -

We have sent home a sheet of 'WOW' stars in your child's book bag; if your child does something special at home (learning a new skill, an exciting visit or family celebration), then please complete a star and send it in to us. We will display them on our classroom notice boards so that the children can share their achievements.

Easy Fundraising -

Easy fundraising is an easy way to help pre-school raise funds whilst you shop. If you log into [easyfundraising.org.uk/Hillside Pre-school Verwood](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/Hillside-Pre-school-Verwood) before you shop online at popular sites (including Amazon, M&S and Argos) then the pre-school receives a small donation. This is especially useful with summer holidays approaching!

Click on the icon to be directed to our easy funding page →



Children going to First school in September 2024 -

By now you will have had your child's First School place confirmed. You may have heard the phrase 'school readiness' and may be wondering how you can help your child be ready for their transition to school. Some examples of being 'school ready' would be if your child could:- put on their own coat, wipe their nose or toilet independently, wipe their bottom and wash their hands? If your child is going to have a hot school meal then can they use a knife and fork? If they are going to have a packed lunch then can they open their crisp packet or peel their satsuma themselves? At pre-school we will be supporting the children to develop these skills, please also encourage your child's independence at home.

Remember to keep looking at our Facebook page for up to date information and photos of our activities and events: you can access our social media pages and email by clicking on the icons at the bottom of this newsletter.



Kind regards,
Elaine Ford, Pre-School Manager

