

A message from Mrs Hillman

This week many of us were surprised by the weather, which led to tricky conditions on the roads. Many thanks to all staff and parents for battling into school and to those who offered to help when you could see that we were in need!

Despite the weather, it has been another busy week! Our Leading Lights took centre stage on Monday, when they led collective Worship with Tim. The children did a wonderful job, speaking clearly, leading prayers and reflections. I have invited the Leading Lights to plan and deliver their own worship at the end of next term, which we will be inviting parents to attend.

In collective Worship this week we have been thinking about Jesus' early life after Epiphany, when the wise men visited Mary, Joseph and Jesus and presented their gifts that symbolised that Jesus was no ordinary baby. We thought about how babies need lots of love and care but how difficult it would have been for Mary and Joseph when they had to immediately flee to Egypt as Herod was so enraged to learn of a new King. The children discussed that Jesus, like Paddington bear, was a refugee and how it must feel to have to have no option but to leave your home. We have thought about how we show love through gratitude and how we can pray for those who are refugees or who are supporting refugees through their prayers, and actions. We challenged children to recognise the things that they should be grateful for and to remember to say thank you - I wonder how many thank you's you may have heard at home?

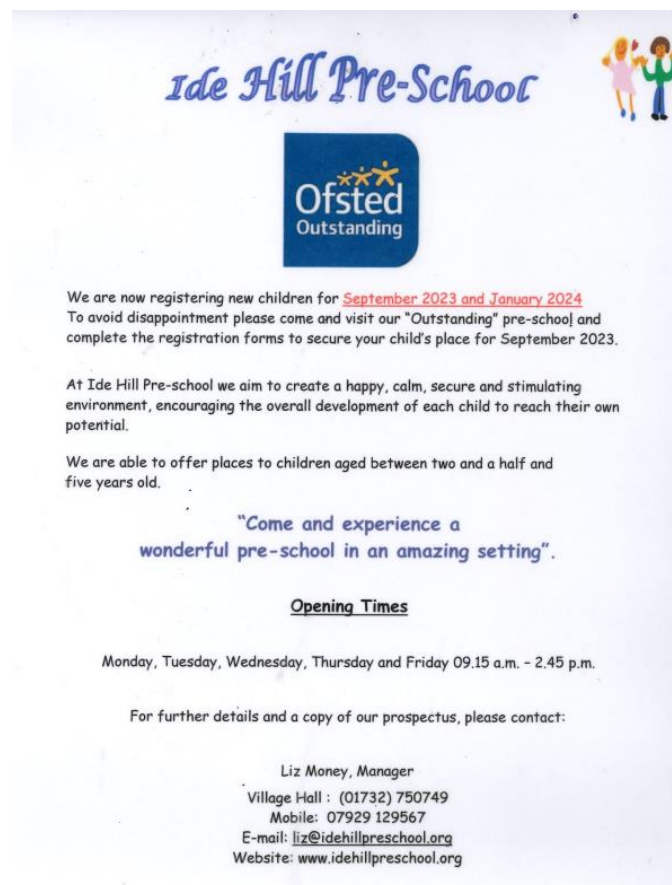
We are delighted that Saplings class have now started Forest School. We are trying to build up the number of helpers so that the children can be well supported during these sessions. If you are able to offer your help on a Thursday afternoon, please do contact the school office as we would love to hear from you.

Safeguarding


At Ide Hill CE School we are here at all times to support the children, especially if they ever feel unsafe. We are also here if parents or carers have any concerns and need our help and support.

It is important that all within our community understand our duty of care to safeguard children and our safeguarding procedures, which can be found [here](#), within our child protection and safeguarding policy. If ever you are worried about a child, we would like to make the process of sharing this concern with us as easy as possible. I have therefore added a big red button to the [homepage](#) of the school website.

Please click the button and it will take you to a Google Form.



Ide Hill Pre-School



We are now registering new children for **September 2023 and January 2024**. To avoid disappointment please come and visit our "Outstanding" pre-school and complete the registration forms to secure your child's place for September 2023.

At Ide Hill Pre-school we aim to create a happy, calm, secure and stimulating environment, encouraging the overall development of each child to reach their own potential.

We are able to offer places to children aged between two and a half and five years old.

"Come and experience a wonderful pre-school in an amazing setting".

Opening Times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 09.15 a.m. - 2.45 p.m.

For further details and a copy of our prospectus, please contact:

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Week Ahead	
Monday	
Tuesday	Young Voices 2023
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Saplings	<p>Sebastian - For your positive attitude to learning and for always being willing to try new things</p> <p>Hudson - For your amazing number skills in magic maths!</p>
Elms	<p>Harriet - For your incredible story based on Little Red Riding Hood</p> <p>William C - For writing an amazing story based on Little Red Riding Hood. You showed real perseverance and almost wrote a whole page</p>
Beech	<p>Charlotte - For her positive attitude to learning and always giving 100%!</p> <p>Klaye - For his amazing work and progress with phonics</p>
Willows	<p>George - For his excellent understanding and interpreting of our Science experiment about which material was best for a ramp to make objects move quickly.</p> <p>Treyon - For his fantastic ideas and vocabulary when exploring emotions and sounds in poetry</p>
Hazel	<p>Josh - For writing a fabulous action sequence in English.</p> <p>Freddie - For showing so much kindness to his class members this week.</p>
Ash	<p>Evie - For her fantastic work and understanding of short division.</p> <p>Robyn - For her mature behaviour and excellent learning behaviour at all times.</p>
Oaks	<p>Max - For incredible accuracy when creating nets of 3D shapes</p> <p>Grace- For her brilliant creative writing based on the novel 'Holes</p>

Danny Brazenell's 92 football stadium cycle challenge

IN AID OF GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY

"We fundraise to enhance Great Ormond Street Hospital's ability to transform the health and wellbeing of children and young people. Donations help to fund advanced medical equipment, child and family support services, pioneering research and rebuilding and refurbishment."

<https://sites.google.com/view/92clubcyclechallenge2023/home>

Danny says:
 "I am cycling to all 92 Football League Clubs in the UK. The target is to complete all 92 clubs in 4 weeks, covering a total of 2500 miles. This is a solo challenge which I'll be completing around the clock, I am NOT a cyclist....yet, but the discomfort I may endure during this challenge will be nothing compared to some of the families that GOSH support. Please, please do donate if you feel you can, I'm going to need every bit of support out there and appreciate every single penny.

Thank you."

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/daniel-brazenell>

£46 raised through fundraising could help pay for one night's stay in our family accommodation allowing parents to stay close by while their child is in hospital.

£368 is enough to cover the costs of one of our play team for a whole week, so that each child's experience of hospital is as stress-free as possible.

£962 could cover the cost of a week's valuable research time for one of our world-leading scientists to discover the next breakthrough.

£4,191 could help fund a portable heart monitor, so that doctors can monitor the heartbeats of young cardiac patients while they are in the comfort of their own home.

Both of Mr Brazenell's children attended Ide Hill Primary school and it would be lovely if the school community could support him throughout his challenge.
 Good luck Danny!

Notes from Nature School

This week we have been keeping moving to keep warm. We went on a walk in the local woods. We found fabulous frost and ice and enjoyed the stunning views across the countryside, stretching your eyesight to see where the land meets the sky.

Some of the things we heard the children say on our walk:

Year 2 - "The frost is on the edge of everything." "The frost looks hairy and sparkly."

Year 3 - "That cloud looks like a Dragon with horns and smoke." "The cloud look like a bicycle." "I walked to those hills, it took me four days." "I think I can see London Bridge."

Year 4 - "There are so many shades of blue and grey." "I can see the edge of the earth." "The clouds look like rolling hills."

We also did a Wassail to the trees. Wassail - good health - is an ancient, traditional celebration to bless the trees ~ usually in an orchard ~ making lots of noise to scare off the bad forces, and singing and making a toast offering to welcome the good forces - all to support a fruitful year ahead.

The children really got into this using all their might to be at first noisy and scary and then welcoming and joyous for the year ahead. Year 5 we're invited to walk a short way back in silence, thinking of a hopeful wish for themselves for the year ahead.

After the celebration we enjoyed warm apple juice together - rather than the traditional cider.

