



February 2022

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Dear Parents,

We are very near the end of the first spring half term and it has flown by! Don't forget that it is half term next week so we will be closed from Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February.

Biscuit, the Greenwood pet hamster arrived on Monday and the staff and children have already fallen in love with him. Please can all slips be returned as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful half term.



TERM DATES

Spring Term

Half Term 21st —25th February

End of Term Friday 8th April

Summer Term

Start of Term 19th April

BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term 31st May—4th June

INSET Day 7th June

End of Term 21st July

Bird Week

The children enjoyed our Bird Week and it has been wonderful seeing photos of birds (and squirrels) enjoying the homemade bird feeders.



We will be sending home a "Winter Birds Identification Sheet" for the children to have a go at bird spotting over half term.

The Greenwood Library

The Greenwood Library is proving to be a success. There is a small selection of books available on The Shed Door available for children to borrow. Each book will be in a folder with a book mark which show a range of prompts and questions, they are perfect for developing children's reading skills and interest and enjoyment of books.

We ask that you record in the book the following:

- Number on the folder
- Child's name
- Date taken out
- Date returned

If there are any particular books that your child enjoys reading at Greenwood and they would like to share them at home with you, please ask a member of staff and we will see what we can do.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. Children are invited to come into Pre-school dressed up. We would also like children to bring in their

favourite book to share with their friends.

We are asking for a donation of £1 to go towards new "BIG" books.



Book Corner

Part of the Early Years Framework is to promote literacy both at home and in the setting. We thought it would be lovely to share our favourite bedtime stories, so each month, we will be sharing our favourite books with you. We would also love it if you could share your favourite books too. Please email the name and author and why you like it.

My bedtime story recommendation is: Mo's smelly jumper. By David Bedford.

A fun short story about a monkey and his favourite rainbow jumper and a mother monkey who is desperate to wash it. We love the repetitive phrases in it.

Miss Page, Jessica & Alice.



We would also love to build a display of the children reading. Please email a picture of your children reading their favourite book to greenwood@weycp.org.uk

Domestic abuse will NOT be tolerated!

If you are a victim of domestic abuse, help and support is available 24/7



In an emergency: always call 999 if you can't speak, call 999 and dial 55.
In a non-emergency: Call 101 or make a report online on our website.

Dates for the Diary

We have lots of exciting things coming up and additional information will be sent out separately.

Tuesday 1st March —uSports (pm)

Tuesday 8th March—Feathers & Fur Visit (am)

Thursday 10th March—Feathers & Fur Visit (pm)

Tuesday 15th March—uSports (am)

Tuesday 29th March —uSports (pm)

Thursday 7th April—Easter Party (pm)

Thursday 5th May—Zoolab

Thursday 9th June—Queens Platinum Jubilee Picnic (Parents invited)

Tuesday 19th July—End of term party (TBC)

Wednesday 20th July Last Day of Summer Term

Home Puzzle Packs



Quite a few of the children

have requested to take some

of their favourite puzzles and games home. We thought this was a great idea and will be sending home puzzle packs after half-term. We would love it if you could share a picture on Tapestry of your child completing the task. This is a great way to develop children's skills in lots of and different areas, especially speech and language.

We ask that you keep the puzzle packs at home for a maximum of 7 days and that all puzzles are returned complete. We do understand that bits do get lost, please let us know if any pieces are missing so we don't send them out until the pieces have been found.

We would welcome any donations of age appropriate puzzles and games.

Parent Stay and Play—SIGN UP NOW

The Parent Rota is now up on the Shed Door. It is open to parents (both Mummy & Daddy) or grandparents, whose child has been at Greenwood for a half term. Sometimes, if your child has been unsettled at pre-school, staff might delay asking you to participate in the rota at that particular time. We would ask all parents to sign up to 2 half day sessions per term, if at all possible. Please ensure that this is a session your child attends. Coming in on parent rota is a positive experience both for the child and parent. Children enjoy showing their parents what they do when they are here and it is equally important for parents as they see what happens during the session and get a greater understanding of what the children are doing. We understand that it is often difficult when parents work and have such busy lives but it really is a worthwhile opportunity for both you and your child. Unfortunately, at the present time, no siblings are able to attend the session. We understand that this can cause problems with childcare for siblings, but accidents with younger siblings can and do happen and also parent rota is considered a special time for you and your pre-school child to share if at all possible.



For those that may not know, The Greenwood Pre-school is a Committee run pre-school, although principally most duties are now assigned to me, as the appointed manager and 'nominated person'. This means that although most tasks and the main running of the pre-school are carried out by me, parents are required to volunteer to be appointed to our Committee. The Committee is now mainly for ensuring the pre-school is running effectively, is involved with any major decisions and organising all the fundraising events during the year. At present, Madeleine Lloyd is our Chairperson and Atika Sharma is our Secretary. We do continually need new members to join our Committee, although there is a great deal of official paperwork required for these roles and parents will need to be prepared to undergo a Criminal Records check through the Disclosure and Barring service before officially being appointed to any Committee roles. However, I would not wish anyone to be put off by this and even so, we always require parents to help with fundraising events and you don't need to be a Committee member to help out at these times!

If you are interested in joining the committee, please do let me know.

Safeguarding

Greenwood is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff, volunteers, visitors and external agencies to share this commitment. Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs K Bull, Designated Safeguarding Lead or myself.

Illness and Absence

There have been lots of illnesses this term. Thank you for keeping us informed so that we can let others know. Please can I remind you to let us know if your child will not be attending a session and the reasons why. You can let us know via email: greenwood@weycp.org.uk or leave a message on 01189797580.



Sweatshirts and Polo Shirts

Don't forget to protect your children's own clothes by investing in one of Greenwood's sweatshirts or polo shirts. For security and identification purposes all children are required to wear Greenwood sweatshirts on any school trips. Painting Bags are also available and are great for taking children's work and letters home.

Sweatshirts	£9.50
Polo shirts	£9.00
T-shirts	£6.00
Baseball Hats	£4.50
Legionnaires Hats	£5.00
Painting Bag	£5.00
Order forms will be available in the shed door!	

Parking

If you come to pre-school by car, please follow the parking restrictions and keep footpaths clear ensuring those with wheelchairs and pushchairs are able to get by.

Please also avoid parking in front of the gate to drop off or pick up.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

I have found a box of pre-loved uniform. It is mostly smaller sizes. Feel free to have a look through and make a small donation. If you would like to take anything.

Communications

Greenwood Website

Please visit the Greenwood Pre-school Website: www.thegreenwoodpreschool.co.uk which gives up to date information on the pre-school.

If you do have any queries then please ask a member of staff.

Facebook

All parents are invited to join the Greenwood Facebook group "Greenwood Pre-school, Winnersh (Parents Group)". This is a closed group for information and question/answer purposes. Please do not post pictures of yours or other Greenwood children.

Clothing

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It would be advisable for children to have a coat in Pre-school at all times as well as hats and gloves now that the weather is getting cooler.

Please ensure that all removable clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.



If your child has borrowed a change of clothes, we would be grateful if you could wash and return them as soon as possible. Our spares are running very low!

Snacks

We would be grateful for any donations of the following for the children to share at snack time after half term. We have a maximum of 26 children per session

Any fresh fruit or vegetable (that can be eaten raw)

Bagels, Bread, Crackers, Bread sticks, Muffins, Teacakes, Oatcakes, Crumpets, Rice cakes, Melba Toast, Pittas,

Cheese, Cheese spread, Cheese Strings, hummus, tzaiki, salsa (very mild), thousand island dip, guacamole.

Yoghurts, Fromage Frais



GREENWOOD CALICO GUSSETTED BAGS – with long handles

We still have a few left from last term at £5 each. Please ask a member of staff if you would like one.



COVID

We continue to ask that children do not attend Greenwood if anyone in their household has tested positive. We ask that the children isolate for 10 days before they return.

We also ask that you continue to wear face masks at pick up and drop off and carry out a Lateral Flow Test before attending any stay and play sessions.

Internet Safety

For support and practical advice on how to keep your children safe online, please visit www.internetmatters.org

From age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, you'll find a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world.

THE SHED DOOR

Don't forget to check The Shed Door. Here you will find uniform order forms, waiting list forms, copies from articles that we think you might find interesting/helpful, paper copies of permission slips that we have sent out and the information that we legally have to display. You will also find the parent rota sign up, Greenwood Library and sign up for Biscuit Babysitting.

