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Dear Parents,

We all had high hopes for 2021! Whilst it is a struggle, there is light at the end of the tunnel with over 10 million people now having had their first vaccinations. We all miss our friends and family and being able to do what we want, when we want to. Greenwood is very quiet. The staff here are grateful for the little bit of normality of coming to work and we are so happy to have the children coming in. Well done to all of you for juggling work, your children's education and those other jobs that we as parents have to do. It is not an easy task and I know you are all doing our best, even if it doesn't feel like it sometimes. If you are struggling and there is anything we can do to help, please ask and do not suffer in silence. If we don't know the answer, we will try to find someone who does.

Rock Painting Competition

Attached is a note from The Greenwood Committee regarding a Rock Painting Competition we are running. We will leave a container by the gates from Monday 22nd February for any entries from children who haven't yet returned. If you do put them in the box, please remember to put the child's name on it. We can't wait to see them!



TERM DATES

Half Term	15th—19th February
End of Term	Wednesday 31st March
Summer Term - TBC	



A couple of parents have asked if we have an Amazon wish list so we have set one up! We would be grateful for any donations made via the page.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/2QmuYvb?ref_=wl_share

Returning to Greenwood

Due to the attendance being so low at the moment, we are working with reduced staffing. If your child will be returning after half-term (w/c Monday 22nd February), please can you let us know by 12:30pm on Thursday 11th February. If you would like them to return at any other time, please can you give us at least one weeks notice. Thank you.

Weekly Activities

We hope you are enjoying the weekly activities and resources that we are sending it out. We will continue to do so until the lock down is lifted. Thank you to Mrs Felton who has been busy putting it all together.

Committee



As you know, Greenwood is a charity and a committee of parents help run the pre-school along with myself and the staff. We have regular termly meetings and the committee are heavily involved with fundraising. All monies raised do go back into the pre-school (which enables us to provide the children with exciting experiences such as Zoolab, Feathers and Fur etc). These are unpaid roles but are essential to the ongoing survival of the group so please get involved if you can. It is an excellent way to meet other parents too.

Rebecca Firman (Chair of Governors), Rachel Reynolds (Secretary) and Mark Penny (Committee member) all have children who will be moving on to school in September, therefore they have to step down. We are actively looking for new committee members whose children will still be here in September 2021. If you would like more information about the different roles, please do get in touch.

We would like to vote new members in at the next AGM which is currently pencilled in for 21st June 2021.

Without a full committee, the Pre-school would have to close.

Topic: After half term we will be learning about numbers, Mother Day and Easter.

W/C 22/2/21	Number songs and Number Hunts
W/C 1/3/21	St Davids Day World Book Day
W/C 8/3/21	Mothers Day
W/C 15/3/21	Kites & St Patricks Day
W/C 22/3/21	Easter
W/C 29/3/21	Easter Party



Snacks

We would be grateful for any donations of the following for the children to share at snack time.
Apples, Bananas, Oranges/satsumas/clementine's, Carrots, Peas, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Strawberries, Grapes, Raisins
Dried mixed fruit (tropical), Bread sticks, Cream crackers, Bread, Croissants, Crumpets, Pitta breads, Rice cakes

Parking—A polite reminder!

If you come to pre-school by car, please follow the parking restrictions that are in place and refrain from parking in front of the gate. Please also keep footpaths clear ensuring those with wheelchairs and pushchairs are able to get by. .

Greenwood Bags

We still have a few bags available if you would like to purchase any for £5

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!

We are always looking for clothes to keep as spares, especially girls trousers. We would also be grateful for any shoes or wellies that we can keep as spare, size 8 upwards would be very useful

Dates for the Diary:

- Monday 22nd February Return to Pre-school after half-term
- Monday 1st March St Davids Day
- Tuesday 2nd March uSports (morning children only)
- Thursday 4th March World Book Day
- Tuesday 16th March uSports (afternoon children only)
- Wednesday 17th March St Patricks Day
- Tuesday 30th March Easter Party (If restrictions are lifted)
- Wednesday 31st March Last Day of Term
- Monday 19th March Return to Pre-school after Easter Break

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.

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.

