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Where is the time going!? I can't believe we are already in the 3rd week of the Summer term. It has already been busy and we have lots more coming up. A reminder we are **closed on Monday 8th May** for the extra Coronation Bank Holiday.

We are looking forward to the picnic and mini Sports Day on Thursday 4th May. Thank you for returning the slips and raffle donations. Don't forget to bring cash for strawberries and raffle tickets. We will be selling raffle tickets at pick up and drop off on Thursday morning as well as at the Picnic. We will draw the raffle at 1pm on Thursday.

ZOOLAB

The children enjoyed the visit from Zoolab. Lily brought in a snake, stick insect, frog, giant snail and millipede. All the children had the opportunity to hold or stroke the creatures.

We are looking forward to Sadie from Feathers and Fur coming in to visit on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th and morning Wednesday 10th May. Letters were put in the children's tray last week.



TERM DATES

Summer

Tues 18th Apr – Fri 26th May 2023

Bank Holiday (CLOSED) Mon 8th May 2023

Half Term: Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June 2023

INSET DAY: (CLOSED) Mon 5th June 2023

Tues 6th June – Fri 21st July 2023

Please note we will closing at 11:45am on Friday 21st July for the end of term.

Autumn

Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Friday 20th October 2023

INSET DAY: (CLOSED) Fri 1st Sept 2023

INSET DAY: (CLOSED) Mon 4th Sept 2023

Half Term: Mon 23rd October – Fri 27th October 2023

Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023

Please note we will closing at 11:45am on Friday 15th December 2023 for the end of term.

Online Payments

Please can you make sure that you put the correct reference when making payments online so we can keep our records up to date.

Music & Sports Sessions.

We have now had a couple of sessions with Heather from Music with Mummy and Nicole from ABC Kick.

The children have really enjoyed the sessions. It has been a great opportunity for the children to learn new skills with different adults. Both Heather and Nicole have commented on how much they are enjoying developing the sessions too.

The Greenwood Libraries

Mrs Persaud is busy updating the books and the puzzles in the Greenwood libraries. More information about the "libraries" can be found on the next page.

Amazon Wish List

A huge thank you for all the items that have been donated via the Amazon wish list. The children have enjoyed all the new resources, especially the wheelbarrows.

We do constantly add things to the list and are grateful for any donations you can make.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/TBD6Z4ILWK0T?ref=wl_share

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Drop off and Pick up!

Morning drop off is between 8:45am and 9am and pickup is at 11:45am.

Afternoon drop off is at 12:30pm and pickup is between 3:15pm and 3:30pm.

Please avoid parking in front of the gate and parking on the pavement to drop off or pick up. It blocks the route for emergency vehicles and obstructs our entrance, making it dangerous for our families who are using the entrance.



SMARTIES TUBE CHALLENGE

We raised an impressive £177.10 with the Smarties Tube Challenge. Thank you so much.



Snacks

Thank you so much for all the donation. As you can imagine, we get through a lot very quickly. We would particularly be grateful for any donations of fresh fruit or vegetables (that can be eaten raw)



Please make sure that all items are nut free as we have a child with a nut allergy.

Please continue to send in donations of Bagels, Bread, Crackers, Bread sticks, Muffins, Teacakes, Oatcakes, Crumpets, Rice cakes, Melba Toast, Pittas, Cheese, Cheese spread, Cheese Strings, tzaiki, salsa (very mild), thousand island dip, guacamole, Yoghurts, Fromage Frais. We would like to promote health eating so please avoid anything that is high in salt or sugar.

The Greenwood Library

The Greenwood Library has previously been very popular. There is a small selection of books available on The Shed Door 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, interest and enjoyment of books.

We ask that you record in the note 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.

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.

Puzzle Lending Library

Don't forget we have a Puzzle Lending Library!



There is a black box by the shed which has puzzles for the children to borrow. 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 different areas, especially speech and language. We do understand that bits do get lost, please let us know if any pieces are missing. We ask that you keep the puzzle packs at home for a maximum of 7 days (apart from holidays) and that all puzzles are returned complete. The children really do enjoy taking them home.

THE SHED DOOR & NOTICE BOARD



We have a new noticeboard on the side of the shed, it will display any information that we have to permanently display such as Safeguarding and OFSTED information. The Shed Door will continue to have uniform order forms, waiting list forms, copies from articles that we think you might find interesting/helpful, and paper copies of permission slips that we have sent out. You will also find the parent rota sign up and Greenwood Library.

Family Photo's & Guess Who!

Thank you to those who have sent family photo's in. If you haven't already, please either send in a family photo with your child or email it to me. We will then add it to our display and photo album.

We also love playing Guess Who!

Please email 5 interesting facts about your child to this address: greenwood@weycp.org.uk

We read out the facts and see if the children can recognise themselves before anyone else does! We only have a couple at the moment.

E.g

I have a pet

My favourite colour is

I love

My best friend is called

My nickname is



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.

If your child has borrowed a change of clothes, we would be grateful if you could wash and return them as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

Monday 8th May—CLOSED CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 9th May—Feathers and Fur (pm) (Letter sent out)

Wednesday 10th May—Feathers and Fur (am) (Letter sent out)

Thursday 11th May—Music with Mummy (pm)

Tuesday 16th May—Claire from Wokingham Library (am)

ABC Kicks (pm)

Thursday 25th May—Music with Mummy (am)

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

Monday 5th June—CLOSED INSET Day

Thursday 8th June—Music with Mummy (pm)

Tuesday 13th June - ABC Kicks (am)

Thursday 15th June—Visit from Wokingham (am) TBC

Thursday 22nd June—Music with Mummy (am)

Tuesday 27th June—ABC Kicks (pm)

Monday 3rd July—Photographer

Thursday 6th July—Music with Mummy (pm)

Tuesday 11th July—ABC Kicks (am)

Claire from Wokingham Library (pm)

Thursday 20th July—Music with Mummy (am)

Friday 21st July—Last day of term. Finish at 11:45am

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!

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.

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@weyep.org.uk or leave a message on 01189797580.

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.

Health Visiting Team

"If you have a child aged 0-5 and you live in Bracknell, Wokingham, Reading or West Berkshire, it's really easy to get in touch with the Health Visiting team using the ChatHealth service. You don't need to give your name and you will be able to get confidential advice and information from us direct to your phone, about any concerns you may have about the health of your baby or child. Just send a text message to 07312 263283"

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.**


Charity commission number 291077

Please send me your details if you would like to advertise your business, all we ask is that you make a small donation to our fundraising events.



Cake Sisters

I am a small business based in Winnersh. I specialise in all home baked Birthday cakes, Wedding cakes, Cupcakes, Brownies, Blondies and Cookies.



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The Berkshire Bakesmith

CAKE ARTIST



Kerry Smith, Cake Artist from The Berkshire Bakesmith bakes all the birthday cakes for Greenwood. She makes amazing cakes and has won lots of different awards. www.theberkshirebakesmith.co.uk Facebook www.facebook.com/theberkshirebakesmith Instagram www.instagram.com/theberkshirebakesmith



About our Beauty Salon

Beauty on the Green is a boutique salon specialising in Facials, LED light therapy, Nails, Brows and Lashes. Conveniently located in the heart of the village, we are a fully qualified and insured salon offering high quality treatments for your beauty needs in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

<https://beautyonthegreenshinfield.co.uk/>

Tilly's mum has a shop on Etsy where she sells beautiful hand made jewellery and decorations . Please visit [LoveTildaBelle](#) and have a look



Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to your favourite charity when you shop.

Please add The Greenwood Pre-school as your charity.



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