

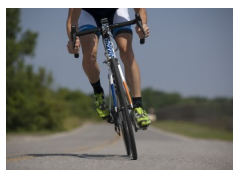


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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful half-term break. As we enter the 2nd lockdown, I would like to reassure you that we will be continuing as normal. The team continue to work extra hard to keep your child safe. If you would like to talk to your child's key-worker at any time, please contact us and we can organise something. As always, we are available to chat whenever you need us, don't struggle in silence.

Tim Wagstaff's sponsored 3-cycle



A couple of years ago, Harry's Dad ran the Reading Half marathon for The Greenwood Preschool. He

raised over £640 worth of much needed funds. He has decided to take up a new challenge to raise some money for the Tricycle shed. He will be doing a '3-cycle'. This rather convoluted idea is that he will ride 100 miles over 3 laps of the same course, starting and ending each lap at Winnersh. The original plan was to do it last weekend but due to the awful weather conditions, he will be doing it on Saturday 7th November. The weather forecast is good, and lockdown restrictions don't seem to be an issue (apart from preventing cafe stops on route). Please take a few moments to sponsor him on our JustGiving page and help Greenwood reach our fundraising target.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thegreenwoodpre-school-winnersh-1?utm_term=y53drVbey

A huge thank you to Tim for doing this for us.

Threadworm

We have been made aware that there have been a few cases of Threadworm at Winnersh Primary School. Threadworm is a very common occurrence in children. They are white and look like small pieces of thread. You may notice them around a child's bottom or in their stools. They don't always cause symptoms but can cause itchiness around the bottom area which is often worse at night and can cause disturbed sleep. Medication to treat threadworms is available from pharmacies without prescription. If your child does have threadworms, everyone in the household will need to be treated even if they have no symptoms (unless pregnant or breastfeeding). Please visit the www.nhs.uk for further details.

Children In Need

Friday 13th November is Child in Need. Children are invited to come into Pre-school wearing either spots or yellow. There will be put for any donations you would like to make to this worthy cause. The BBC's charity's mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential. They raise money both throughout the year and in the annual November appeal which is put to work where it's needed most. They fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.



Facts and Photo's

Thank you to those families that have sent in their interesting facts and family photos. We are still missing a few. If you haven't already, please email greenwood@weycp.org.uk with 5 interesting facts about your child (e.g. I have blue eyes, a pet cat, 2 sisters, my favourite colour is blue and my favourite book is We're going on a bear hunt) along with a family photo.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term

End of Term Friday 18th December

Spring Term

Start of term Tuesday 5th January

Half Term 15th—19th February

End of Term Wednesday 31st March

Summer Term

Start of Term Monday 19th April

Half Term 31st May — 4th June

End of Term Wednesday 21st July

Milk Bottle Competition & Fancy Dress

Thank you for all the amazing entries for the Milk Bottle Competition, we have been so impressed with all the imaginative ideas. The winner will be announced next week.

The children all looked wonderful on Monday in their fancy dress.

We have raised over £50 from both activities. Thank you.



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.

Lunch Club

Lunch club is proving to be a great success. It is available on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We would like to welcome Miss Page who has joined the team to help out with Lunch Club. Parents have asked if children are able to attend on a one off occasion, they are but would need to stay all day. There is a fee of £4 for the lunch club and £16 for the extra session. Please email Mrs Harte or speak to her on the gate if you would like more information.



Topic	
This half term, our topic will be Autumn and Christmas . Each week we will have a different theme that will link with our topic. We would love it if you could support our themes at home and share it with us at Greenwood via Facebook or email it to us.	
W/C Mon 2 nd November	Autumn - Halloween & Bonfire Night
W/C Mon 9 th November	Autumn— Remembrance Day, Diwali & Children in Need
W/C Mon 16 th November	Autumn— Hibernating
W/C Mon 23 rd November	Autumn— Nature
W/C Mon 30 th November	Christmas Decorations
W/C Mon 7 th December	Christmas Cooking & Party
W/C Mon 14 th December	Christmas Numbers & Jumper s

GREENWOOD CALICO GUSSETTED BAGS – with long handles

Although still some weeks away, Greenwood has been thinking about Christmas gifts that the children can help to create that we can sell to raise money for the group. For the last few years we have made bags instead of tea towels which have been very popular. We will be making these again this year (especially now that we need to re-use bags when visiting supermarkets). So we will be making our own Greenwood bag which we will have delivered in time for Christmas! This consists of all the children drawing a picture of themselves (or an artistic interpretation!) which will then be printed onto the bag. Please see attached a picture of one from a previous year.

In order to get an idea of the amount of bags we need to order, please place the number you require on the order form located on the notice board by **Friday 13th November**.

The price of the bags will be £5 each. You do not need to pay for these until delivery is made.

As always any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to talk to either myself or another member of staff.

There will be a form at drop off for you to order your bag.



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 in a pod
- Cucumber
- Tomatoes
- Strawberries
- Grapes
- Raisins / Sultana's
- Bread sticks
- Cream crackers
- Bread
- Croissants
- Crumpets
- Pitta breads
- Rice cakes

If your child has borrowed a change of clothes, please can you wash and return them as soon as possible. Our spares are running very low!

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.



Uniform

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	Sweatshirt & T-shirt £14.50
T-shirts	£6.00	Sweatshirt & Polo shirt £17.50
Baseball Hats	£4.50	
Legionnaires Hats	£5.00	
Painting Bag	£5.00	

We will also be trialling a Pre-loved uniform sale on the first Thursday of the month. The next sale will be **Thursday 5th November at 11:45am and 3:00pm**

Due to the current circumstances, please could children keep the following at Pre-school:

- ◇ A coat
- ◇ A water bottle
- ◇ A change of clothes in case of any accidents.

Dates for the Diary



November

Tuesday 3rd— uSports (pm only)

Milk Bottle creations Due in!

Tuesday 17th - uSports (am only)

- Louis Taylor Road Show

Friday 13th - Children In Need

December

Tuesday 1st— uSports (pm only)

Friday 11th — Christmas Party 1pm—3pm
All children Invited

Tuesday 15th— uSports (am only)

Friday 18th— Christmas Jumper Day and
End of term

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 on the gate.



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. We occasionally share photos of our sessions and will post reminders.