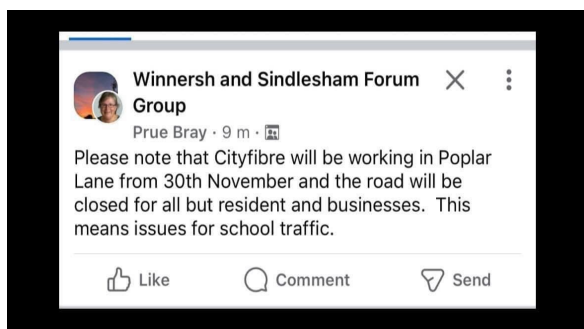




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Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of term and December is a very busy month for everyone. Hopefully this newsletter will help you to remember everything that's going on at Greenwood. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of staff. Many thanks



Road closure

This is the only information I have about the road closure. Please avoid driving down Poplar Lane until all the work has finished. It is going to be extremely busy during the Primary school drop off and pick up times so please give yourself plenty of time to find somewhere to park or walk when ever is possible.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Close at 11:45am on Friday 15th Dec.

Christmas Holidays: Mon 18th Dec 2023 – Mon 1st Jan 2024

Spring Term 2024

INSET DAY: Tues 2nd Jan 2024 (Closed)

Wed 3rd Jan – Fri 9th Feb 2024

Half Term: Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2024

Mon 19th Feb – Wed 27th Mar 2024

Close at 11:45am On Wed 27th Mar.

INSET DAY: Thurs 28th Mar 2024 (Closed)

Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15th April – Fri 24th May 2024

Bank Holiday Mon 6th May 2024 (CLOSED)

Half Term: Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024

INSET DAY: Monday 3rd Jun 2024 (CLOSED)

Tuesday 4th June – Friday 23rd July 2024

Close at 11:45am on Friday 23rd July

Christmas Party

The children should have brought home a letter regarding this years Christmas party for all the children on **Tuesday 12th December**. Children should be dropped off at Greenwood at 1pm (via the gates on Poplar Lane as normal) and should be collected at 3.00pm. Please note there will be a normal morning session on the morning of the party. All children should be picked up at 11.45am and then delivered back to Greenwood for 1pm. **There will be no lunch club so all children must be collected.**

Please complete and hand the slip and money to a member of staff by Monday 4th December.

Winnersh Primary School Christmas Fete

Winnersh Primary School are holding a Christmas Fete on **Friday 8th December** from 3:30pm – 6:00pm. We will have a couple of stalls and would appreciate your help manning the stalls and donating prizes. We are looking for good quality cuddly toys for the Teddy Tombola and prizes for a lucky dip/raffle. Please sign up on the shed door if you can help and pop any donations in the shed. All money raised from our stalls will go to replacing the climbing frame. We haven't had anyone sign up yet or donate any prizes. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated e.g. a bar of chocolate, a candle, unwanted (unused) smellies.

It would be great if you can come along to support us and it is also a good opportunity for you to get an insight to the school if you are thinking of sending your child there in September.

Gmail We seem to be having a problem with Gmail, with the emails bouncing back. I will send this out via email but also paper copy. If you have not received the email, please let me know.

Personalised Christmas Ornaments.

Look out for the traditional Greenwood Ornaments that will be on sale on the gate from **Monday 4th December** for £2. Each decoration will have a picture of your child in!



Letters from Father Christmas

Please can all completed forms for Letters from Father Christmas be returned by **Friday 1st December (Monday 4th at the very latest)**. We are hoping the elves will have them ready and post-ed on Friday 8th December.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all of those that collected sponsorship for the sponsored bounce, you all raised an amazing £831.

We hope you are pleased with the photos Emilie took on Monday, the ones we saw were stunning. The children all loved watching her at work. Greenwood received £60 commission towards the climbing frame.

We are waiting to see how much commission we will receive from the Christmas Card orders.

Thank you for your support by purchasing the products .

Just another £9000 to raise to pay for the new climbing frame!

Last Day

We will be closing on Friday 15th December at 11:45am for Christmas. We will then be back on Wednesday 3rd January.



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.**

Snacks

We are always grateful for any donations of the following for the children to share at snack time.

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, 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.

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



Family Photo's & Guess Who!

For the past few years we have had a Family Photo display and photo album. The children love talking about the photos and sharing them with their peers.

We would love it if you could 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.

Once we have a few, we will read out the facts and see if the children can recognise themselves before anyone else does!

E.g

I have a pet

My favourite colour is

I love

My best friend is called

My nickname is



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 you will also find the parent rota sign up.

The information that we legally have to display is on a notice board on the side of the shed.



Puzzle Lending Library

A few of the children enjoyed taking a puzzles home last term. We will have puzzles for the children to borrow in the Greenwood Library. 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 Greenwood Library

The Greenwood Library has previously been very popular. Mrs Persaud is busy updating it and it will be out on display very soon. There is a small selection of books available by the shed 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.

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.

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 other Greenwood children.

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.



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.

