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Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are already approaching the end of our first half-term of the academic year! We have loved learning all about ourselves. The children have had a variety of amazing experiences from exploring our senses to making self portraits! We still have lots more exciting things planned! A huge thank you to all the staff for their creativity and hard work.



We said goodbye to Mrs Bird on Friday 2nd October. The children all enjoyed drawing pictures for her book and making finger print birds. After 15 years of working at Greenwood, I am sure she is going to find it strange not coming in. We are all going to miss her terribly but wish her a wonderful retirement. I have attached a message from her at the end of the news letter.

Fancy Dress

As a lot of us won't be able to go out for Halloween this year, we will be inviting children to come in to Greenwood on Monday 2nd November in fancy dress for a small donations of £1 per child. We will have lots of "Halloween" activities planned too. Children may wear any fancy dress—it doesn't have to be Halloween related!



TERM DATES

Autumn Term

Half Term 26th —30th Oct
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!

Over the half-term break, we would like you to use your imaginations and see how you can recycle a milk bottle! The children will bring home an empty bottle during the week commencing 12th October. Siblings are welcome to enter too! All entries must be in by Tuesday 3rd November with a donation of £2 per entry. There will be prizes awarded for the most creative entries.



Donations

As we are a charity run Pre-school, we rely heavily on donations to enable us to provide the experiences and activities for the children.

Just Giving Page

We have updated our JustGiving Page and will ask, where possible that any donations are made via the page as we will also be able to claim Gift Aid.

We are currently raising funds for a trike storage shed.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thegreenwoodpre-school-winnersh-1?utm_term=9AG7a4Km8

Amazon Smile

We have also set up an Amazon Smile account so when you shop through smile.amazon.co.uk, Greenwood can receive up to 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases! When you are doing the Christmas Shopping, please remember to choose us as your charity.

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.

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

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.

Topic

This half term, our topic will be **All about me**. 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 05/10/2020 Emotions

W/C 12/10/2020 I can.....

Dates for the Diary



October

Tuesday 13th - uSports (am only)

November

Monday 2nd - Fancy Dress/Halloween

Tuesday 3rd— uSports (pm only)

Milk Bottle creations Due in!

Tuesday 17th - uSports (am only)

- Louis Taylor Road Show
(TBC)

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

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	Sweatshirt & T-shirt	£14.50
Polo shirts	£9.00	Sweatshirt & Polo shirt	£17.50
T-shirts	£6.00		
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**

Wishlist!

We would like to restock some of the garden areas and are looking for the following, we would be grateful for any donations. All the of resources will be kept outside so will need to be hardwearing.

Mud Kitchen:

- Spoons (small metal or large plastic)
- Metal/camping cups and teapots
- Old, small saucepans
- Baking tins and trays
- Cake tins
- Sieves / colanders
- Measuring spoons
- Jugs
- Hand Whisks
- Tyres
- Crates (e.g. milk or bread)

Planting corner:

- Plant pots (especially large ones)
- Plant troughs / planters
- Compost
- Pea shingle
- Established plants such as herbs, lavender



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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 Winners (Parents group)". This is a closed group for information and question/answer purposes. We occasionally share photos of our sessions and will post reminders.

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.

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!

*Dear Greenwood families past and present
Thank you so much for all my lovely messages, pretty cards and
wonderful gifts on my retirement from Greenwood!
You have all been so kind and generous and am truly touched
by this. I am so looking forward to visiting the Minack Theatre
in Cornwall next summer with my vouchers.
The last nearly fifteen years have been such fun and a privilege
to be part of the children's growing up.
Thank you again.
Best wishes to you all
Mrs Jane Bird*

