



Winnersh Primary School, Greenwood Grove, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 5LH
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Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the Autumn half term break. Don't forget that we will be closing on Friday 20th October at 3:30pm and re-opening on Monday 30th October at 8:45am. We are so sad that Mrs Wiseman will be leaving us on Thursday 19th October, we will all miss her terribly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wiseman for all her hard work and dedication to Greenwood and hope that she will still come in and see us from time to time.

We are super excited to announce that Miss Eckert is pregnant, she will be going on maternity leave in early January. We will be organising a hand over for her key children in late November.

Tuesday 31st October

Children are invited to come into Pre-school in fancy dress on Tuesday 31st October. We will be doing lots of fun Halloween themed activities.

The fancy dress does not have to be Halloween themed but all children must have sensible shoes on as we will have sports in the afternoon.

Please can the children only wear costumes which they can easily get on and off themselves.



Autumn has arrived. Please can all children bring in a warm coat each day, clearly named. We try to use our outdoor space as much as possible in all weather conditions!



It would also be helpful if the children bring in a warm hat and gloves.

Please name each individual item!

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.

Photographer

Emilie Jones will be back in on **Monday 27th November** to take the children's Christmas themed photo's.

Emilie's photos are truly stunning.

All of the children who attend will have their individual photo taken during the normal session.

We will have a few slots available to take sibling photos from 8am—8:40am for those with school aged children.

If you have younger children or your child doesn't normally attend Monday and you would like a group photo taken, please sign up for a slot during the session time.

Photo's will only be available to purchase on the day—please see the last page for more details.

Forms to return!

I appreciate we have sent out a lot of paper work recently, below is a reminder of what needs to be back and when:

Monday 30th October: 6th November Fun Morning Permission Slip

Monday 6th November: Christmas cards/ gifts order form

&

Sponsored Bounce Form and Sponsorship Money

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Half Term: Mon 24th Oct – Fri 27th Oct 2023

Monday 30th Oct – Friday 15th Dec 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

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.

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.



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.

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.



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.**

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: greenwood@weycp.org.uk

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

Puzzle Lending Library



A few of the children enjoyed taking a puzzle 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.

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)

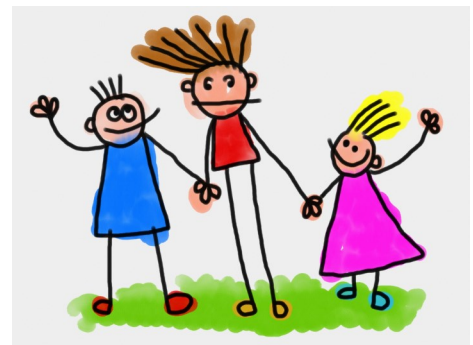
Bagels, Bread, Crackers, Bread sticks, Muffins, Teacakes, Oatcakes, Crumpets, Rice cakes, Melba Toast, Pittas, Cheese, Cheese spread, Cheese Strings, tzaiki, salsa (very mild), thousand island dip, guacamole, Yoghurts, Fromage Frais.

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.



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



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 19th October: Music with Heather (pm)

Mon 23rd October –Friday 27th October: Closed—Half Term

Tuesday 31st October: ABC Sports (pm)

Fancy Dress Day

Monday 6th November: Fun morning & Sponsored Bounce

Thursday 9th November: Music with Heather (am)

Tuesday 14th November: ABC Sports (pm)

Thursday 23rd November: Music with Heather (pm)

Monday 27th November: Photographer in for Christmas Photoshoot.

Tuesday 28th November: ABC Sports (pm)

Thursday 7th December: Music with Heather (am)

Tuesday 12th December: Christmas Party (Letter to be sent out separately)

Friday 15th December: Last day of term: Close at 11:45am.

Tuesday 2nd January—INSET DAY CLOSED

Wednesday 3rd January—Open as normal

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.



Christmas Photos

MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE DAY
AND ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT PICK UP.

PHOTOS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON
THE DAY.

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE 6"X8" AND EACH ARE MOUNTED
IN BLACK FRAMES.

5 PHOTOS - £40.00 + DIGITAL COPIES
3 PHOTOS - £25.00
1 PHOTO - £12.50

10% OF OUR TAKINGS GOES TOWARDS THE NURSERY
AS A THANK YOU.

CASH OR CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED



Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for using our gate on Poplar Lane.

Please note that the gate is open for morning drop off from **8:45am– 9am**. Please can all children who are going home at the end of the morning session be collected promptly at **11:45am**. The staff have a very short period to get ready for the afternoon session and have their lunch break which they are not paid for.

The gate will be opened at **12:30pm** for the afternoon session, please can the children be dropped off promptly at **12:30pm** so we can start the afternoon session as soon as possible. The gate will be closed at **12:35pm**.

In the afternoon, the gate is open at 3:15pm and closed at 3:30pm.

Please note that if children are regularly collected late, we will have to charge you a late fee which is £10 for every 10 minutes that you are late.

