



February 2020

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Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly this first half term has gone! We have enjoyed investigating numbers in lots of different ways and by using lots of different medias. The children have loved the new set up and it seems to be working well.

Mrs Rodgers (Emilia's mum) has joined the team this week, we hope you have been made to feel welcome and enjoy your time here.

We hope you all have a lovely half-term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 24th February.

TERM DATES

Half Term 17th —21st February
Return Monday 4th February
End of Term Friday 3rd April

Summer Term

Monday 20th April 2020 INSET Day
Start of Term Tuesday 21st April
Friday 8th May 2020 Bank Holiday (Closed)
Half Term 25th-Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June 2020 INSET Day
Return Tuesday 2nd June -
End of Term Tuesday 21st July 2020

Childs Absence

Please can you notify the Pre-school on the first day of any absence by phoning the **Greenwood land line only** (0118 9797580), please leave a message if there is no answer. Please note that the emails are not always checked on a Tuesday or Friday.

If you have any planned holidays, please let a member of staff know so we can put it in our diary.

Zoo Lab

Everyone should have received a letter about Zoo Lab visiting us on Wednesday 4th March. If your child does not attend Pre-school on a Wednesday and you would like them to take part in the experience, please let me know and I'll let you know what the situation is regarding our number of children.

Please can we have all slips back by Monday 2nd March.

Louis Taylor Road Safety Show

The Louis Taylor Road Safety Show visited us on Tuesday 11th February. Louis and his friends talked to us about how we can be safe when near the road and how to cross the road safely.



My First Poem Competition

Don't' forget all entries for the poetry competition are due in by Thursday 20th February. You should have received an emailed copy of the entry form. There are some paper copies available on the parents notice board.

Sponsored Thread

Over the half-term break, we'd like the children to take part in a sponsored 'Thread'. In the children's tray there is a letter and a 1m length of ribbon which we'd like to challenge the children to thread as many (different!) items as possible on to. On the back of the letter is a sponsorship form, which we would appreciate if you could get as many family and friends to sponsor your child, based upon the number of items your child can manage to thread onto the string. Happy Threading!

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children are invited to come into Pre-school dressed up. We would also like children to bring in their favourite book to share with their friends. We are asking for a donation of £1 to go towards new "BIG" books.



Topic

After half term, our topic is "Once Upon a Time" We will also be recognising significant festivals and celebrations of the upcoming months.



W/C 24/02/20	Pancakes! St Davids Day
W/C 2/03/20	Jack and the Beanstalk Zoo Lab World Book Day
W/C 16/03/20	Mothers Day St Patrick's Day
W/C 323/03/20	Zog
W/C 30/03/20	Vincent Van Gogh Easter

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 hard-wearing.

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



Planting corner:

- Plant pots (especially large ones)
- Plant troughs / planters
- Compost
- Pea shingle
- Established plants such as herbs, lavender
- Tyres
- Crates (e.g. milk or bread)



Parent Helpers

The Parent Rota is up on the parent notice board. 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.

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, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Strawberries, Grapes, Raisins
Dried mixed fruit (tropical), Bread sticks, Cream crackers, Bread, Croissants, Crumpets, Pitta breads, Rice cakes

Parking—A polite reminder!

If you come to pre-school by car, parking or turning in the school grounds or the zig-zag area on Greenwood Grove is not permitted under any circumstances, either when dropping off or collecting your child.

Please also keep footpaths clear

Dough Disco

'Dough Disco' is a fun activity which combines the use of play **dough** with a series of hand and finger exercises designed to improve fine muscle control. The movements develop children's fine and gross motor dexterity, hand-eye coordination and self-esteem. We would like to introduce this to the children at Greenwood, please can all children bring in a clearly named pot of playdough by Friday 28th February.

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	£8.75
Polo shirts	£8.75
T-shirts	£6.50
Baseball Hats	£3.50
Legionnaires Hats	£4.00
Painting Bag	£4.50

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. Our spares are running very low!

Clothing

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It would be advisable for children to have a coat in Pre-school at all times, just in case it rains.

Naming your children's clothes

Please ensure that all removable clothing is

clearly marked with your child's name.

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)".

This is a parent run closed group for information and question/answer purposes. Please do not post pictures of yours or other Greenwood children.

We have been adding updates weekly so you can see what we have been up to. **Emails**

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to receive correspondence through email. If you have received a paper copy of this and would like to receive email in the future, please let me know.

Afternoon sessions

Please note that the afternoon sessions are not a rolling start and the session begins at 12:30pm. Please can all children arrive promptly to enable us to start straight away.

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.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 25th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 26th February	Ash Wednesday
	uSports am
Wednesday 4th March	Zoo Lab Visit
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 9th March	Holi
Wednesday 11th March	uSports pm
Tuesday 17th March	St Patricks Day
Sunday 22nd March	Mothers Day
	Isra ans Mi'raj
Monday 30th March	Vincent Van Goghs Birthday
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Party (More information to follow)

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