



January 2020

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and wish you all the best for 2020.

As you can see the staff have been very busy sorting out the main room. The children are loving the role play area which is currently a shop to fit in with our Number topic. A huge welcome to Edison, Kiera, Zac, Emily, Jocelyn, Micah, Ayaan and all their families who have joined us this term.

### TERM DATES

Half Term 17th—21st February

End of Term Friday 3rd April

Summer Term - TBC

### Childs Absence

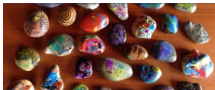
Please can you notify the Pre-school on the first day of any absence by phoning the **Greenwood land line only** (0118 9797580), please leave a message if there is no answer.

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

### Greenwood Mini Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped at the mini fair, donated prizes/cakes and attended. It was a great success and we raised over £135.

The sale of the ornaments and Christmas Jumper Day raised £96



Facebook

Don't forget to join the "Greenwood Pre-school Parents" Facebook page where we will share pictures of the weeks activities and any news/reminders.

### Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is Wednesday 22nd January at 7:30pm at Greenwood. Everyone is welcome, please enter through the green gates on Poplar Lane if you would like to attend.

### Winnie The Pooh Day



Saturday 18th January is Winnie the Pooh Day, celebrating not just the bear but the birthday of AA Milne. We will be celebrating it on **Friday 17th January**. Children are welcome to bring in any Winnie The Pooh toys or books, please ensure everything is named so that it can be returned safely.

### The Christmas Party

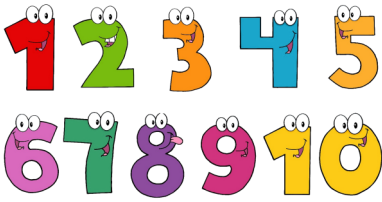
An amazing time was had by all at the 2019 Greenwood Christmas Party. Uncle Charley provided the entertainment (along with some little helpers) and then Father Christmas popped in to deliver some presents.

Thank you to all the staff for making the event so enjoyable and making sure it ran smoothly!



## Topic

This half term our topic will be **'Numbers'**. We will also be recognising significant festivals and celebrations of the upcoming months.



W/C 13/1/20	Number Recognition Winnie the Pooh Day
W/C 20/1/20	Number Rhymes Burns Night
W/C 27/1/20	Chinese New Year Counting
W/C 3/2/20	The Hungary Caterpillar
W/C 10/2/20	Number Games Valentines Day

## 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 per-

## Parent Helpers

The Parent Rota is now up on the **NEW** 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.

## Reward Stars

We have in place a practice to encourage children to sit quietly and listen during the story time and other specific times when we wish them to sit quietly. We have had positive feedback and results over the terms, and will be continuing with this practice for forthcoming terms. If a child manages to sit quietly during the short period of the activity (and this means for the entire time not just for part of the time!), they will be given a 'special star' that they can take home to keep. We will be doing this about one or two times a week (not daily) so the children will not know what days we are doing this or when during the session! Please can you also encourage your child in this, as your extra support can only help them achieve this sooner. However, please don't feel discouraged if your child isn't able to achieve this yet as over time they will see other children being rewarded for their good behaviour and gain the self-control to do so for themselves.

If anyone wishes to discuss this at all, please speak to myself or another member of staff.

## 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.

## 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.

## Internet Safety

For support and practical advice on how to keep your children safe online, please visit [www.internetmatters.org](http://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.



### 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.

### 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	



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](http://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 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.

### Greenwood Bags

We still have a few bags available if you would like to purchase any for £5

### Dates for the Diary:

Saturday 18th January	Winnie The Pooh Day (We will celebrate it on Friday 17th)
Wednesday 22nd January	uSports (am) Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Saturday 25th January	Burns Night ( We will celebrate on Friday 24th January) Chinese New Year (We will celebrate on Monday 27th January)
Wednesday 5th February	uSports (pm)
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	Valentines Day
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	Half -term