



# Greatworth Pre-School

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## Newsletter

### Term 5-6 2016

#### What the Children have been doing:

We have been very lucky to be able to begin Forest School sessions at Greatworth Hall. Clarissa is currently doing her Forest School Level 3 training and to do this is carrying out a few sessions up at the farm. The children that have been so far seem to really enjoy their first session exploring and getting to know the boundaries on the farm. Our aim is to carry out Forest School sessions over a six week block for over three's during every summer term. We are currently trialling it while Clarissa does her training and we hope that it is as successful as we imagine, so that we can implement the six week forest school block next year too.



And of course...one of our favourite experiences this term has also been watching our lovely chicks hatch!



We also hope you like our chicks that we made out of playdough...



### **NEW!**

At Pre-School we now have a program called Tapestry which allows us to track your child's development and progress electronically. What this means is that you will now see observations and termly tracking documents through logging on to a secure system and viewing your child's profile. This will replace the red portfolios which will now be used as folders for children's art work only. Everyone will now have received an email. However, if the email has been missed then please speak to Katy or Clarissa and they will resend you the link in order for you to set up your own personal login details.

### **New starters:**

We would like to welcome Elsie, Max and Ethan in to Pre-School. We hope they have enjoyed their first week at Pre-School.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to Ollie, Connie, Connor, Arthur, Roger, Kitty, Elsie and Ethan H who will be celebrating their Birthday this term/summer. Hope you have a fantastic time celebrating with your family and friends.

### **Sessions:**

I would like to make you all aware that many of our sessions are now full based on the current staffing that we have in place, therefore we are unlikely to be able to change days/sessions now until September, where many sessions will be freed up due to our children moving on to School. Also, if you wish for an adhoc session, we require a minimum 24 hours' notice and will try and accommodate your request if possible.

Can I also remind you that if you are dropping or changing sessions we require a months' notice on sessions. If we do not receive a months' notice on changes, sessions will be charged.

### **Fundraising:**

#### **Ink cartridges**

Thank you for all the ink cartridge donations. We are still keen to continue raising funds by recycling all your donated cartridges/toners. We would also like to ask for any empty HP 301 cartridges if anyone has these. Pre-School use these cartridges and by recycling five at Staples in Banbury we get a large discount. The reduced price is from £18.99p to £8.99p for a pack of two cartridges. Across the term this saves us a lot of money which means we can spend money saved on much more exciting resources!

## **Past and future events:**

### **Easter egg hunt**

Thank you to all our families who took part in our Easter egg hunt. All the money raised was put towards paying for the chicks to come and visit us again this year. We are very grateful to all of those that contributed, a special thank you to the following children Finley, Connor, Roger, Toby, Zak, Miah and Molly who helped us raise half of the total cost (£166) towards the chicks. Thank you very much from all the staff and children at preschool.

### **Greatworth Bake-Off**

Pre-School will be hosting the Greatworth Charity Bake-Off on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of May from 2pm-4pm on Greatworth School field. Categories include: Cupcakes, Tray bake, Baker's dozen, Victoria sponge and the showstopper is 'Great British Summer'. Entry fee is £3.50p per category or 3 for £10. If you would like to take part then please find the entry form at Greatworth Pre-School, in the May Glimpse or by visiting our website at [www.greatworthpreschool.co.uk/bakeoff](http://www.greatworthpreschool.co.uk/bakeoff)

While you wait for the judges to decide on the winners you can also come and enjoy a cream tea while your children take part in some children's entertainment.

### **Dates for the diary**

#### **Parents' evening:**

Parents' evening will be going ahead on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of June from 4pm-6:30pm. Further details will be confirmed closer to the time. For those children that are moving on to school, we will be going through their transition document. This is an opportunity for you to write down any concerns you may have about your child moving on to school as well as providing the foundation stage teacher with as much information about your child as possible. This will allow Katy to communicate this to your child's teacher in plenty of time before your child starts in September. If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to book another time and date with your key person.

#### **Sports Day**

Sports Day will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of July from 9:30am-11am. We will spend approximately 45 minutes doing races and the all famous parent and child three legged race! This will be followed by ice-cream and refreshments back at Pre-School for children and their families. More details will follow closer to the time.

#### **End of year party**

Our end of year party/graduation will be going ahead on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of July from 10:30pm-12:30pm. More details closer to the time will be sent out.

#### **School children - Transfer morning to Greatworth Primary School**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2016 - For those children that are normally in Pre-School on a Thursday morning, please take your child to School for 8:45am and then bring their lunch boxes up to Pre-School after you have dropped them off and settled them at School. If your child is due back in to Pre-School in the afternoon we will collect them at mid-day from School. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

**School children's Parents (information) evening at Greatworth Primary School**

16<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 at 6pm. Please go to the front of the school at 6pm to be welcomed by your child's new teacher.

**Term dates:**

11<sup>th</sup> of April - Return to Pre-School.

27<sup>th</sup> of May - Pre-School breaks up for February half term.

6<sup>th</sup> of June - Return to Pre-School.

20<sup>th</sup> of July - Pre-School breaks up for Easter break.

\*\*\*Bank holiday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May - Pre-School shut\*\*\*

Thank you for your continued support

Pre-School staff.