



Greatworth Pre-School

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We are now into the final term and what a busy one it will be for the children. The children had enjoyed reading stories with a space theme, we have really enjoyed 'The first Hippo on the moon' and 'Aliens love underpants'. The children continued the theme with decorating underpants and hand printing aliens for display. The children had great time with the cardboard boxes in the garden making space ships and rockets.

The children had been set a challenge to grow the tallest sunflower and the longest bean! The plants were sent home and we hope they are growing well!



We have the arrival of the eggs on Monday 5th June and will have the excitement of watching the ducklings grow. We will be looking for forever homes for the ducklings around the end of June, if you think you may be interested or know someone who might be interested then please speak to Clarissa.

We have started practising for our sports day, the children have been doing running races and practising their balancing skills for the egg and spoon race. Don't forget to start practising for the parent and child three legged race.

For the children that will be moving on to school in September, we have started transition sessions to school with them. Every Wednesday afternoon we have been going over to the reception classroom for a story and joining in with activities, they have so far been drawing a double decker bus and a self -portrait. To help with transition to school we will also be helping prepare the children for changing for PE, could we ask for your child (School leavers only) to bring in a T-shirt and shorts so we can practise changing and keeping our clothes together.

On Monday 5th June we launch hot meals at pre-school, the hot lunches are provided by Dolce and cooked on site alongside the primary school meals. The cost per meal is £1.80, you have an option of 3 main meals (including a vegetarian option), salad and dessert.

Bake off 2017

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Bake Off 2017, we raised a massive £501 that will go towards updating many of our resources that will continue to enhance the children's development and skills.

Ongoing fundraising:

Easy fundraising is a good way to help pre-school raise funds from the comfort of your own home, every time you shop online using the link below, Pre-school will receive money.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greatworthpreschool/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a&>

Ink Cartridges:

We collect old ink cartridges and send them off to be recycled, in return we are given money. Some cartridges are worth pence so it is not a lot but we are recycling! The company we use is 'money to schools'.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone that collected the Sainsbury's vouchers, we managed to collect a total of 670. We have ordered; a pack of bean bags, some foam tennis balls and 4 giant magnifiers.

Brackley Carnival

On Saturday 10th June some of the children and parents from Pre-school and the Primary school will be taking part in the procession for the carnival. The theme for our walking float is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factor*. Please come along and cheer us on, this is the first year we have taken part of the procession.

Staffing:

For the final term we have asked Charlene Hutchinson to join us on a Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning, Charlene joined the team as bank staff and has covered some session while the tracking documents were completed.

We are also recruiting for a part-time member of staff, to start in September. If you, or someone you know, may be interested then please let Clarissa know and we will provide further details.

30 hours free childcare:

You may be aware that the Government-funded hours for 3–4 year olds will be increasing to 30 per week for eligible families. We are offering these additional hours to current children first, on a first-come first-served basis, before offering to new starters. Please let Clarissa know if you are interested in increasing your child's hours.

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, 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.

Please can I remind you that parents need to pick up their child on time. We ask that children are picked up on time after every session each day. This is because many sessions run straight after one another and it is only fair that we provide the same settling in procedure for children attending all sessions throughout the day. It can be difficult to settle children in if staff are busy handing children over to their families if families have not picked up on time.

Please see below the session times and the times that charges will apply. Unfortunately if parents continue to be late then we will be forced to review our policy which may result in late charges applying after five minutes to encourage parents to be on time. We are aware that in some circumstances it cannot be prevented.

Session times:	Late charge of £10
Morning session 8:45am-11:45am	11:55am
Lunch club 11:45-12:30pm	12:40pm
Afternoon session 12:30pm-3:30pm	3:40pm

Dates for the Diary:

Parents evening for new reception children to Greatworth School- Thursday 8th June 6pm (school hall)

Brackley Carnival- Saturday 10th June -10:30

PTA fundraiser- Grand Prix- Friday 23rd June (see poster for more info)

Pre-School Sports day- Tuesday 4th July (9:30 start)

Parents Evening- Wednesday 12th July and Thursday 13th July

Graduation Celebration- Thursday 20th July (more details to follow)