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Spring 2 Term 2022

We hope you had a good half term and the storms didn't ruin any more plans! Unfortunately, as well as having to postpone our Valentines Disco, it was not safe for our First Aid trainer to travel so we also had to postpone our training too. Both are to be rearranged in the next few weeks – so watch this space!

Our Role play kitchen is saved

We cannot express how grateful we are to Rylee's Daddy and his friend for refurbishing our role play kitchen and making it look as good as new. The children love it! They are really enjoying 'doing the laundry' now that the washing machine actually has a working door! Thank you so much.

Learning Journeys

During this half term your child will be bringing home their Learning Journey to share with you. It is a lovely opportunity for you to see how they are developing their skills and independence at WPS. There may be some paperwork in the Learning Journey for you to fill out and send back in to us. Also, we would love you to add some information from home to the Learning Journey. Has your child recently learnt to do a roly-poly, or ride a bike? Have they been sleeping in their own bed or learnt to put on their PJ's independently? You might like to stick in some photos or add details of any 'wow' moments – feel free to write/stick straight onto the next few pages in the book. We hope you enjoy sharing them with your children and can't wait to getting them back so as the children can share what they are doing at home with us.

Internet Safety

Get insights into how screen time impacts young children and how it can benefit them.

[The health impacts of screen time - a guide for clinicians and parents](#)

[Guide to Parental Controls and Privacy Settings for a safer online experience](#)

Saving WPS contact numbers to your phone

Please note that we have added some additional information to the contact numbers at the top of this newsletter. We have two phones – one is in the setting and one is with Tracey admin. Tracey is not based at WPS, she works from home – but we are in contact throughout the day. If we need to contact you about your child's wellbeing during a session, or in case of emergency, we will usually use the setting telephone. In the event of an emergency evacuation or lock-down you will be contacted via the admin phone or by WhatsApp/email.

We have also recently been made aware that you may not receive important whole group WhatsApp broadcasts if our preschool telephone numbers are not saved in your contacts as they will be blocked. In order to get these broadcasts you must save the WPS telephone numbers.

Medicines/snacks in backpacks/bags

All children have access to the cloakroom/toilets/sinks throughout the day and as such backpacks/bags can be accessed at all times. Your child's bag should only contain the things that they need whilst at WPS. Anything else should be put in a separate (named) bag and be handed in for safe keeping. This includes any medicines, creams, snacks, sweets, money or toys that might be needed after school or have been left over from another time. Thank you for your cooperation.



Lunch boxes

Children who attend lunch club should bring a healthy packed lunch from home. If children have chocolate or sweet treats in their lunch box we will encourage them to save these occasional treats for home time. You can find information & guidelines on healthy lunches at [healthier-families/healthier-lunchboxes](#).

We support children to develop independence when eating their lunch. This will help when they go on to 'big' school. Please keep this in mind when packing a lunch – avoid fiddly wrappers or difficult lids. We will put all uneaten food & wrappers back into a lunch box – so as you can see what has been eaten.

Infection Control

If your child is unwell and needs one to one attention/comfort or they are not well enough to participate fully in the daily routines/activities we ask that you keep them at home. If your child becomes unwell whilst at WPS we will contact you and, in most cases, you will be asked to collect your child within 15 minutes. Please ensure there is always someone, from your list of contacts, on hand to collect at short notice. We understand that on occasions this could be tricky to organise - If it is not possible for someone to collect within 15 minutes, please let us know.

We value the opportunity to work with you for the best interests of your child and our WPS family and Our 'Keeping Everybody Well at WPS' (updated Feb 2022) guide is for both parent/carers and practitioners to follow. If you are ever unsure of anything please contact us.

Term Dates 2021 / 2022

SPRING 2022	5TH JANUARY 2022 – 1ST APRIL 2022
HALF TERM (closed)	21ST FEBRUARY 2022 – 25TH FEBRUARY 2022
SUMMER 2022	25TH APRIL 2022 – 20TH JULY 2022
HALF TERM (closed)	30TH MAY 2022 – 3RD JUNE 2022
INSET DAYS	18TH FEBRUARY 2022 (to be rearranged) 6TH JUNE 2022
NOTES	19TH JULY 2022 – LAST DAY OF TERM 20TH JULY 2022 – OPEN FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY (LEAVERS ONLY)

Antiques Fair

Every 3rd Thursday in the month the main hall is used for an antiques fair. The car park and surrounding area will be very busy. Please take extra care and allow extra time for parking.

Antiques Fair dates:

On the following dates we do not have use of the foyer:

Thursday 17th March, 2022

Thursday 19th May, 2022

Thursday 16th June, 2022

Drop off and collection will be via the garden gate. The carpark will be exceptionally busy so please take extra care.

NOTICE BOARD

Keeping information up to date

It is extremely important that you ensure all contact details are up to date. We must be able to contact you in case of an emergency.

Please also inform us of any changes to or new medical conditions/allergies.

Car Parking

All pre-school parents should have a permit, which allows them to use the car park. These permits allow you to park in the Memorial Hall car park to **drop off and pick up** your child from **pre-school**. Permits must **only** be used at these times and on the days that your child attends. If you do not already have a permit please ask. Please make sure that it is displayed clearly in your car.

The memorial hall committee may challenge people who park in the car park, as unauthorised parking is an on-going problem.

WPS Parent/Teacher Fundraising support

As a small non-profit charity setting we rely on fundraising to provide engaging & exciting 'extras' for our children.

Maybe you could support our Preschool by raising sponsorship money for a marathon run or parachute jump? You might have other brilliant fundraising ideas or be willing to help coordinate an event such as our Easter Egg 100 Square Game or Sponsored Summer Nature Walk! Please let us know how you can help.

If you are not a runner or jumper (!) – or you don't have the time to commit to an event please consider helping in other ways – see the other ways to be involved section for more details.



Other ways to be involved

We are also very grateful for the offer of help with other 'jobs' too!

So if you feel there is something that you can do to support us – from flat pack assembly, gardening to talking to the children about your job or hobby – please let us know by emailing Tracey at;
admin@wendoverpreschool.org.uk

You may also be able to help with our on-going list of things to collect & do:
Painting & varnishing story stones
Collecting multicultural resources
Collecting junk modelling boxes
Bringing in open-ended resources such as:
Reels, coloured gravel, fabric, scarves, costume jewellery, gutter pieces, cardboard, cylinders & small containers with lids.



World book day and Buckinghamshire Communication Week

Children are invited to bring in their favourite book (named please) to share on Thursday 3rd March for World Book Day and we will have lots of other fun 'book' related activities! (If your child is not in on this day, they may like to bring a book in on another day).

Also, it is Communication Week here in Bucks from 28th Feb-4th March. This year, in partnership with other local EY settings, we bring you an exciting challenge and the chance for your child to win a prize!

You will receive an activity sheet via email and you are invited to pick out 1 or 2 fun activities from the sheet to complete with your child at home. There is a prize for sending in photos or notes of the activities you choose. So, get to it, have some communication fun and let us know how it goes!

When you bring/send in photos please let us know if we have permission to share them at a celebration event, for Early Years Educators, that is to be held at the end of Communication Week at The Gateway Conference Centre, Aylesbury. Photos will be anonymised.

Easter 100 square Raffle

We will soon be selling numbers for our Easter/Spring Basket raffle. Mel (Tilly's Mum) is kindly organising this for us. If you are out shopping in the next couple of weeks and you can pop a Spring/Easter related item...i.e., chocolate egg, colouring book, craft pack or stickers into your trolley to donate for the baskets please do. You can hand it straight to Mel at pick up or drop off – or in to us to pass on to her. Thank you for your support.

Sharon & Team x