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Spring Term 2023

Welcome to spring term at WPS. Last term ended with an abundance of poorliness so we are hoping for a healthier start to 2023! Thank you for the kind wishes and gifts we received at the end of term – we were very spoiled and your lovely words are always so appreciated.

You will see some new faces joining us over the next few weeks. A smile and a hello in the foyer or at the garden gate will go a long way to making everyone feel welcome to our WPS family.

Working together

Communication is key to building understanding and to ensure that we are providing the very best start for all children. Please let us know if there have been any significant changes/adjustments/events that may affect your child in any way. Is something happening at home that might be worrying them, have they had a bad night, not eaten very well? Children often explore their thoughts and feelings during play and it really helps us to respond effectively if we have some context.

You can contact/message us during session times on the setting phone (07775 795900) if you don't have an opportunity to share information at drop off. This number should also be used to inform us of emergency changes to who is collecting (remember password will be required) or anything else that we might need to know whilst your child is in our care.

To inform us of an absence, important dates for the diary, **advance** changes to who is dropping off/collecting, or any enquiries about fees/extra sessions - please speak to/leave a message for Tracey Admin on 07923 090 696 or email admin@wendoverpreschool.org.uk

Home Learning

Our Core Curriculum document sets out our intent; to provide a safe, responsive and inspiring environment that offers the time and space to *"Love, Laugh, Play and Learn Together"*. It describes how we implement this at WPS through the curriculum strands – Settling, Flourishing & Sunshine group. It goes on to explain how we observe the impact of our curriculum in order to support children in a way that empowers them to develop into a confident, curious and independent learner.

You will have had a copy of our curriculum when you joined us at WPS and you might find it a useful tool to support home learning experiences. If you would like to know more about how to use our curriculum to support home learning please book a chat. You will also find ideas for home learning activities on our information table in the foyer including our Challenge Cards.

In order to inspire children to embrace a love of learning we value the development of a growth mindset. Children (and adults!) with a growth mindset are open to new experiences and believe that we can 'grow what we know' through persistence, trying different strategies and learning from mistakes. Our Challenge Cards are great to encourage a growth mindset. So what are you waiting for - give those challenges a go!





Learning Journeys Books

Your child will be bringing home their Learning Journey Book after half term to share with family and friends. We encourage you to bring in stories and photos from home for us to add to Learning Journeys at any time. However, the books coming home are a great opportunity for you to fill some of the pages with photos and snippets of what they get up to outside of WPS. You might like to include some information about or photos of any clubs/classes they attend, photos of visits to the park, or write about visits to family, days out or walks in the woods.

We know that you enjoy seeing what they have been up to at school and we are just as excited to see what they have been doing at home! In addition to adding your own things to the Learning Journey there will also be a sheet in the Learning Journey for you to share some information with us and a short questionnaire. We would really appreciate you filling these in for us please.

If you would like a face to face catch up with your child's Early Years Teacher (Miss Sharon) or your Key person for a chat about your child's wellbeing, development and areas of focus please let us know and we can put a mutually convenient time in the diary.

Collecting children / Passwords

Children must be collected punctually at the end of their session. Please note there is a charge for late collection, which may be added to your invoice (see policies document).

If you will be uncontactable whilst your child is with us or unable to come back and collect them promptly you must ensure that you have a **local** nominated person who can collect in an emergency situation. This person should be one of your named contacts so we have their details on record. We must be able to close WPS promptly in case of emergency. This could happen because of extreme weather, staff illness, building evacuation.

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 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'** guide is for both parent/carers and practitioners to follow. If you are ever unsure of anything please contact us.

NOTICE BOARD

Term Dates

SPRING 2023

4th January - 29th March

HALF TERM (closed)

13th February - 17th February

SUMMER 2023

17th April - *19th July (18th for children not moving to RECEPTION class)

HALF TERM (closed)

*29th May - *2nd June (*please note Monday 5th June is an INSET DAY)*

NOTES

18th July 2023 - last day of term

19th July 2023 - 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.

Dates for Antiques Fair:

Thursday 19th January, 2023

Thursday 16th February, 2023

Thursday 16th March, 2023

Thursday 20th April, 2023

Thursday 18th May, 2023

Thursday 15th June, 2023

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 parking permit that allows 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.

Dates for your diary

Valentines Disco Friday 10th Feb 12-1pm (for all WPS children. Tickets on sale in Feb.

Photography Competition - win family photography session vouchers - more info coming soon!



We need your help...

If you are not sure how you can help, here are some ideas....

Are you a keen gardener who could come in and get our little garden patch going in the spring?
Do you have a job or hobby that you could come and talk about?

Could you think of us when having a clear out? The following items are always on our wish list...

Paper for drawing - particularly A3 size
Multicultural resources - ie instruments, foods, packets, books, photos
Junk modelling boxes
Cotton Reels
Bags of gravel - particularly coloured
Small gutter pieces
Cardboard cylinders
Small containers with lids
Craft items - ie sequins, foam shapes, pompoms, stickers
Electronic toys - such as play computers

We are grateful for any support you can give us at WPS.
Thank you!

We are very much looking forward to the spring term - the mornings will soon be brighter and the weather milder.
Hold on to that thought ☀️!

Miss Sharon & team x