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January 2012

Autumn

Half term – Mon 13 – Fri 17 February inclusive
End of spring term – Friday 30 March 2012
Summer term starts – Tuesday 17 April 2012

Next Committee meeting - Monday 6 February at 8pm in the Pre-school building. All parents welcome. Crisps and wine provided!

The race is on...

Our fundraising gets off to a timely start with the Goring 10k run on Sunday 4th March. Although this is primarily a PTA initiative for the Primary School, the Pre-school runs the refreshments stand and the ever popular BBQ (and as such is able to keep all profits from these two stands). We'll need a team of helpers on the day so if you'd like to get involved for an hour or two please contact Sarah Perugia on 07947 211 959 or look out for the sign up sheets. It's a great fun event to get involved with - with hundreds of villagers turning out - and a good excuse not to have to run!

Your Pre-school Needs You!

As you probably know, the Pre-school is a registered charity and as such could not function without the support of volunteers – not only in Committee based roles, but also to help run so many of our fundraisers throughout the year. This year many of our regular helpers will be moving on as their children, and particularly this year, the youngest of their children, start school so we will be looking for lots of new faces to help out. If you haven't volunteered before please don't be daunted - the amount of help we need can vary widely from an odd couple of hours at the Goring 10k or the summer fun day – to a more involved role as say Chair or Treasurer. It's a great way to meet other new, like-minded parents and to feel really involved in your child's setting. The Committee roles hand over at the annual AGM in May so we'll be starting to look for new recruits soon. More details to follow but please, give it some thought, and if you think you can help don't hesitate to have an informal chat with one of the current Committee members – their photos are up on the board by the sinks.

Goring out of school club

Goring Out of School Club (based at Goring Primary School) have asked us to remind parents that although they are based in the Primary School, they are registered to take children from the age of 4, so some of our older Pre-schoolers would be welcome if extended childcare is required. The after school club runs until 6pm and they do have a before school offering. If you'd like to find out more please contact GOOSC directly through the play leader Asta Gavenaviciute who is on 07762 054204 or by emailing committee@goosc.org.uk

Welcome!

We've had an influx of new starters this term and would like to extend a very warm welcome to Finley, Daniel, Christopher and Eve who join the main sessions and Georgia, Felix, Christopher, Verity, Eliza and Jex who have started on a Friday morning. We'd also like to formally welcome Helen Norris on board – Helen, who is no stranger to the Pre-school since her children have both attended - will be helping out in the Thursday morning and Friday morning sessions.

Parent helper rota

You should by now have had a note with your scheduled day to help out in your child's session. We really appreciate this help and it's a great way for you to see how Pre-school works. Please may we remind you though that while in the Pre-school environment mobile phones are not allowed. Thank you.

Don't forget your child's key worker is always available to discuss any issues/update you on their progress. You should have received a slip recently explaining who your contact is, or there is a list up in the cloakroom area. If you aren't available to come to Pre-school, you can always email them via the supervisors:
supervisors@goringandcleevepreschool.org.uk

Dates for your diary

March 4 – Goring 10k
March 27 – Farm trip for those who attend on a Tuesday pm
May 7 - early spring bank holiday
June 4 – 8 – half term
July 20 – end of summer term
September 4 – start of autumn term

Topics for this term

1st half-term: our environment 2nd half-term: spring

Can you help?

Dale Bartram is now ready to hand over the reins as he gives up his long held role of treasurer – would you, or someone you know, be willing to take over? You don't have to be a qualified accountant but an eye for numbers and a penchant for organisation would be beneficial! If you'd like to find out more, why not have an informal chat with Dale – dale.bartram@hotmail.com

Wanted!

 We are looking for a couple of donations...

1. Compost for the garden – please talk to Debbie if you can help
2. A digital camera. If you have one in good working order that you no longer use, would you be willing to donate the old one? Due to privacy regulations we now need two – one for Forest School and one for Pre-school. Thank you.

Yoga Bugs is back

As the children enjoyed sampling yoga so much, we have invited Yoga Bugs back to do more Thursday afternoon sessions for our older children this term. There will be three sessions before and three after half term.

Feeling crafty?

If you like doing arty/crafty things with your children – or need party or gift ideas – check out Yellow Moon (www.yellowmoon.co.uk). They do some great stuff and Pre-school can benefit from up to 20% cash back if you quote SGO1256 on your order.

Noticeboard

The Pre-school runs a brilliant e-noticeboard [<noticeboard@goringandcleevepreschool.org.uk>](mailto:noticeboard@goringandcleevepreschool.org.uk); through which you can sell toys/profile events etc but please do not confuse this with the parents email list which is for official pre-school communications.

Remember...

Asthma and Allergies: It is important to keep staff up to date if your child has asthma or any allergies. Please ensure any medication is in a **named bag** and **put in the red box on top of the grey filing cabinet** at the beginning of each session, and not left on a peg, where children might reach it. Please collect it at the end of each session and fill out one of the **medication forms**.

Address: Don't forget to tell the staff about changes of address, and phone numbers, including new mobile numbers.

Work: Please remember to pick up your child's work at the end of a session.

Routine...

- Please make sure your child arrives on time, (or call to let us know about changes). Register closes at 9am for the extension and 9.30 for morning session. Afternoon register closes at 1pm and needs to be adhered to for fire regulations.
- At pick-up time your child is your responsibility once you are inside Pre-school. Although a member of staff stands at the door, the children are in your care once they leave the carpet area.
- Sometimes there are nits in Pre-school. There is information on the notice board to help you take appropriate precautions.
- If your child is toilet training, please bring a labelled bag (not plastic) with a change of clothes, fresh nappies, wipes and nappy sacs. You will have to take the soiled nappy home with you.

A reminder...

Just a few gentle reminders to those picking up and dropping off/collecting from Pre-school:

- Please don't drive into the school when dropping off or picking up. There is not adequate parking for this, and you could get blocked in by one of the many delivery drivers.
- The back school gate is only open at the start and end of the primary school day
- Please shut all school gates behind you and be mindful of distracting the children in their classrooms with undue noise
- When you are waiting to drop children off during the school day (particularly the 9.20am start), you should use the school's 'bandstand'-like shelter if it is free
- Please be especially punctual for Forest School (12.50) and Lunch Club (11.50 start and 12.50 finish).
- Please note that children are no longer permitted to play on the climbing equipment at the back of the playground after school.
- Please note dogs are not allowed on school grounds.

...and regarding snacks/lunch times:

- Please remember to send your child along with a named water bottle. Please keep bringing your food donations for snack time – they needn't just be fruit - breadsticks, rice cakes and other healthy snacks are always appreciated
- No nuts or peanut butter please due to allergies

Winter

Clothing

Please ensure your child has enough warm, named clothes – but remember no scarves please due to health and safety!

If children arrive in wellies or need them for an outdoor session please pop them in a (non-plastic) bag. Wellies should not be their main form of footwear as they are not conducive to a clean classroom and are not safe for use on the climbing frame. No slippers either please!

Name it

Please remember to name clothes to avoid mix-ups. If you need some handy labels don't forget we have a fundraising account with www.easy2name.com.