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Summer

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End of summer term – Tuesday 20th July

Autumn term starts – Thursday 2nd September

**Next parents' meeting -
Monday 14th June at 8pm in the
Pre-School building. All welcome.**

Summer's here so let's have some fun!

The Pre-school fun day is but weeks away – Saturday 3rd July, 11am – 2pm – so pop it in the diary now.

Children of all ages will love the mini Grand Prix track, bouncy castle, face painting and craft corner. There will also be a BBQ with lots of lovely homemade cakes and a host of stalls providing lots of entertainment. The eagerly anticipated annual sponsored 'parade' will begin at 11.30am and Kate will be opening the wild-life area from 12 noon (until about 1.15pm). Finally, there will be an exciting police demonstration at 1pm for all to enjoy. Do come along – it's a fantastic family day out and a good fundraiser to boot.

On a more grown up theme – but it's bound to be as much fun – there is to be a Mum's garden party on the evening of Friday 9th July.

It'll be a casual affair and a chance to chat properly to all those faces you see in the queue but can't hold a conversation with because a child is pulling at your leg. Bring a dish and have a glass of wine. More details to follow...

Our magical Pre-school garden

You'll no doubt have heard about the exciting new garden project that has been going on since Easter. A team of enthusiastic volunteer parents – and children – led under the watchful eye of Debbie and Jenny has transformed what was 'just an area' at the back of Pre-school into a magical garden.

The children have created a marvelous scarecrow (Mr Messy) with Lisa and Debbie and they love watching flowers and vegetables emerge from the newly raised beds. If you haven't popped your head round yet, look out for the 'wish tree', chimes, canes and climbers as well as a newly installed water-butt. It is hoped that this project will spark an interest in learning more about 'green living', planting and cultivating for the future.

There will be a grand opening ceremony for the children on Friday 18th June at 11.40am and everyone is invited. The more the merrier. Afterwards we'll be heading to the Bourdillon Park for a picnic and hopefully we'll have the bouncy castle up. Mark the date on the calendar now!

Special thanks go to all of you who have kindly donated plants, soil, water butts, carpet etc and especially those who have put in the man hours and kept up the enthusiasm, even when the weather has been against us.

Another year...

Thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM on 12th May. It was a great opportunity to hear what's been going on at Pre-school, and the changes ahead. Special thanks must go to the outgoing Co-chair – Kate McCormick – for her great efforts which it is widely acknowledged help secure the wonderful 'Outstanding' rating by Ofsted. And of course, a huge welcome to those who have offered to help out going forward. These include Claire Slade who joins Luci Corbett as Co-chair, as well as Sarah Bigmore, Jo Sentinella, Helen Norris, Liz Jones and Eloise Radziwill.

Dates for your diary

Fri 18th June – Garden Opening Ceremony

Sat 3rd July – Fun Day

Fri 9th July – Mum's garden party night

Tues 20th July – Last day of summer term

Don't forget if you want to talk to one of the supervisors about your child's progress you can always email them:
supervisors@goringandcleevepreschool.org.uk

Topics for this term

2nd half-term: Water

Healthy profits

If you've been enviously eyeing up those bags of freshly delivered organic fruit/vegetables stacked outside every Thursday why not order one for yourself? The fruit bag costs £6.50, the veggie bag £5 or there is a combi bag for £7. For every bag ordered, Able & Cole donate 25% to Pre-school and the money raised (more than £50 to date) goes directly towards buying things for the Magical garden. To find out more contact Sophia on 07811 268990 or jesse.sophia@virgin.net

Putting the 'Fun' in fundraising

As you'll be aware, we need to raise around £5k per year in order to cover the cost of some of our specialist sessions – think Forest School and Rising 3's. It's no mean feat so we are hoping to set up a Fundraising Board in the autumn. If you'd like to get involved your help would be greatly appreciated and it's a good way to meet (and actually get to chat to) other parents. We'll be asking for volunteers next term, and also for any ideas you may have for events etc so please put your thinking caps on and let us know if inspiration strikes!

Parent rota reminder

If you are unable to help on the date you have been given, please cross yourself off and sign up for another day if possible. There are usually gaps at the end of term. Also, if you can help out for an additional session, please sign up.

Remember...

Water bottles: Please remember to send your child along with a named water bottle

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.

Dogs: Please note dogs are not allowed on school grounds.

Routine...

- Please make sure your child arrives on time, (or call to let us know about changes). Register closes at 9.15 am and 1.00 pm 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.

Heard the buzz?

Our first cinema event – a bustling showing of Bee Movie – raised over £300. Thanks to all of those



who organised, helped out and most importantly came along on the day and made it such a fun event. A special word must also go to former Pre-school dad -

and local home cinema specialist – Paul Rushbrooke who kindly supplied the equipment.

A reminder...

Just a couple of gentle reminders to those picking up and dropping off at pre-school:

- The back school gate is only open at the start and end of the primary school day.
- Please wait for the pre-school door to be opened by a member of staff before entering.
- Please be especially punctual for the Tues and Thurs Lunch Club. **11.35** if you're picking up, **11.45** if you're dropping off.
- Please ensure you, and any other children you have with you, wait quietly outside pre-school so as not to distract the nearby school classes.
- Don't forget to collect all the wonderful creations your child has made at pre-school! You'll find these labelled with your child's name on the tables.

Please note that children are no longer permitted to play on the climbing equipment at the back of the playground after school.

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Clothing

In anticipation of some lovely weather, please remember that long skirts/dresses, crocs and open-toed sandals aren't allowed for health and safety reasons. For those heading to Forest School or Outdoor Friday – long trousers please. Those stinging nettles can be nasty!

Sun up!

Please ensure you have applied suitable sun protection to your child prior to arrival – and that they have a sun hat too if it is particularly hot.

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 'easy2name' - 20% of the money you spend is credited to the pre-school. Check out www.easy2name.com.