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Spring

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End of Spring term – Wednesday 31st March

Summer term starts – Monday 19th April

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

Helping at pre-school

As you know, we run a helpers' roster at pre-school and we're fortunate to have so many mums, dads, grandparents and others who are happy to come along and help. It's a great way to meet your child's peers as well as seeing what they do at pre-school.

Here are some tips from the staff to help you and the children get the most from your visit:

- If you'd like to read the children's story or tell them about something interesting (perhaps your job), please just let the staff know.
- You're a very welcome extra pair of hands so it's great when you can help the children with one-on-one activities. We have a computer which the children love using but can only do with individual help - if you'd be happy to do this, please just ask the staff. Similarly, there are always children who would be very grateful of your help completing jigsaws or dressing up.
- Please help out at clearing-up time.
- Please read the info sheet for helpers which the staff will show you for more practical ideas.

What's coming up...

Pre-school needs to raise several thousand pounds every year to stay afloat so we're always looking for ways to raise much-needed funds. This term brings a host of fun events that we hope you'll either sign up to help out at, or come along to support on the day:

We'll be running both the refreshment stall and the bouncy castle at this year's **10K run** on Sunday 28th February. It's always great to have lots of helpers so please do sign up when the sheets go up outside pre-school.

Towards the start of next term, we're planning a **children's cinema morning** which should be brilliant fun for kids (and grown-ups) of all ages. Our provisional date is Sun 25th April so please put it in your diary and keep your eyes peeled for more info as we reckon this will be a hot ticket!

Lastly, we still have a few plots of our lovely new **Astroturf** available to sponsor. Why not stump up for a spot or two? It's all in a great cause as the children get so much from outside play. Just ask at pre-school for more details.

Thank you!

'Outstanding' news!

Congratulations to everyone involved in securing last term's superb OFSTED report and 'outstanding' rating for the pre-school. I'm sure we all feel very lucky to have such an excellent place to send our children to, so thanks to the staff for all the hard work that goes into making it so good.

Dates for your diary

Sat 23rd Jan – Nearly New Sale, Goring Village Hall

Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb inclusive – Half-term

Sun 28th Feb – Goring 10K

Fri 26th March – Easter egg hunt and picnic

Wed 31st March – Last day of Spring term

Mon 19th April – Start of Summer term

Sun 25th April – Children's cinema morning

Sun 9th May – Hairy Legs

To hire Pre-school's bouncy castle, contact Dale on 07973 102717 or dale.bartram@hotmail.com.

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Topics for this term

1st half-term: Our environment

2nd half-term: Spring

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by our forced closure during the snow. In the event of more snow, if the primary school closes, so will pre-school.

Show and tell

The children are very welcome to bring in an item for show and tell each session which they can explore with a member of staff and the rest of the children. This is a great opportunity for them to share things they're excited about, and really helps to build their confidence in speaking in front of others.

It would help if you could encourage your child to bring in something related to each week's theme or letter. While the term's themes are above, you'll find a list of weekly themes and featured letters on our website under 'Term dates'.

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Key workers

Your child's key worker will be always be interested to know about their new achievements at home. Whether it's learning to ride their bike without stabilisers, or counting to 20, make a note and give it to your key worker so they can use it to keep your child's development profile up-to-date.

And if you're interested in seeing your child's profile, just ask their key worker. You'll find a list of all the children's key workers on the board in the cloakroom.

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 remember to collect it at the end of each session and to fill out one of the **new 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 after each session.

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). The register closes at 9.15 am and 1.00 pm and needs to be adhered to for fire regulations. Please call if your child is going to miss a session.

- 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.

- From time to time there are nits in pre-school. There is a bug busting poster 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 also have to take the soiled nappy home with you.

A sackful of stories

The children love the story sacks and nursery rhyme sacks that we have in pre-school. You're welcome to borrow these for a small donation – just ask a member of staff who'll write your name in the book. Then simply cross off your name when you return it.

And if you know anyone who'd be able to make us some more characters for new story sacks, we'd be very grateful. Just let the staff know.

staff@goringandcleevepreschool.org.uk

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.

Spring

This term please send your child into pre-school in warm, waterproof clothing and wellies. This is particularly important for **Forest School** or **Outdoor Friday**.

No scarves or Crocs due to health & safety please.

Remember to name hats, coats, wellies and jackets, to save on mix-ups.

If wellies are worn to pre-school, please make sure a change of shoes are provided.

Parent Rota

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. If you can help out for an additional session, please sign up.