

Great Bedwyn Pre-School



March 2019

Hello Everyone.

We are half way through the Spring term, we hope you are all well. Lot's to tell you in this addition of our newsletter – read on!

We love hearing about anything new and interesting you can do, or have learned. Please remember to fill in your WOW's, or let us know at drop off. We'd love to share any photos and artwork you have from days out or fun you've had at home. If Mums or Dads want to come in and share the story then just let us know....!

Open Morning 21st March

From 10.00 to 11.30 on Thursday 21st March we have our Open Day. Please spread the word to anyone you know who might like to come along and see what we do at Pre-school. Application forms and brochures will be available to take away.

EXCITING NEWS – EXTENDED OPENING HOURS

From 23rd April we will have longer opening hours which we hope will benefit a lot of parents.

We will be open:

Monday 8.30 – 4.30

Tuesday 8.30 – 4.30

Wednesday 8.30 – 2.00

Thursday 8.30 – 4.30

Friday 8.30 – 4.30

Please let us know before Easter if you would like to alter your hours.

Cake Sale 16th March

Please join us on the High Street at 9.00 on Saturday 16th March as we have a fundraising cake sale. All homemade or bought donations will be gratefully received.

Gift Aid and MyDonate

We are registered to claim Gift Aid and can accept online donations at MyDonate.

Out of Office Contacts

If you need to contact us out of hours email admin@greatbedwynpreschool.org.uk We will respond as soon as we can. In an emergency you can call Michelle's mobile which is below.

If you want to book an extra session at short notice you can email Michelle on michelledunkyaol@aol.com or text her on 07824 567757 – Don't forget to say who the message is from! Please use the admin email address for regular communications!

Dates for your Diary

Sat 16th March 9.00 Cake Sale High Street

Thurs 21st March – Open Morning 10-11.30

Fri 29th March – **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Tues 23rd April – Back to Pre-school

Mon 6th May – Bank holiday – No Pre-school

Fri 24th May – last day of term

Mon 27th May – half term week

Mon 3rd June – back to Pre-school

Thurs 25th July – end of term

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Golden Rules board

We have swapped our Rocket Board with our Golden Rules board to encourage specific good behaviours. Children will have their own "Proud Cloud" to take home when they get their names on each cloud on the board.



Some requests and information:

Can all lunchboxes please be named so that we can easily & quickly give the children their lunch.

Any small foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes & cocktail sausages need to be cut up length ways to avoid choking.

We are always happy to welcome parent volunteers. Please consider signing yourself up – children love having their parents in, and it's a really useful time to see what your child enjoys at Preschool.

A reminder that we ask for a 20p per morning and afternoon session snack donation. This will be calculated as an option

on your child's invoice, and you can pay by bank transfer, cheque or cash.

Sickness – if your child is sick or won't be at pre-school for any reason can you please either give us a call on 01672 870179 or text Michelle's number 07824 567757. We don't always get to emails straight away. Thanks

Can we have hats, gloves, and wellies (all named) in Pre-school please as we still play outside every day.

Our website

www.greatbedwynpreschool.org.uk is fully operational now. If there is anything you would like to see please let us know.

We also have our own Facebook page now, just search for "Great Bedwyn Preschool" and select the page with our logo on it.

Interesting visitors

Do you have an interesting job?! Could you spare an hour to come in to Preschool to talk to the children and show them what you do? How about an interesting hobby that the children would be interested in? Please contact Michelle or Clair if you would like to visit us.

30 hours funding

The 30 hours funding is now set up and in place. If you think you are eligible and would like to apply, ask Clair or Michelle for more information. Our opening hours from April 23rd are 8.30 to 4.30 4 days a week term time, with a closing time of 2.00pm on Wednesday.

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Clothes recycling bin

Outside Pre-school is a clothing recycling bin. All items placed in here are recycled, and funds raised come straight to Pre-school. Please consider putting unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys in this bin.

Book Bags

Our great purple book bags are now on sale for £5.00. All children are welcome to bring in a book bag but we hope they will be particularly useful for children who will be starting school in September and will want to get used to having a bag.

Children's polo shirts and sweatshirts

If there is a demand for it we can order children's clothing to wear at Pre-school.

Sweatshirts are £11.00 and polo shirts are £9.00. These all have the Pre-school logo on them and are bottle green. (Non-returnable as the logo is stitched on after purchase)

If there is enough interest to make up an order we will order them during February

They come in sizes 3-4 and 5-6.

Please let Michelle or Clair know if you are interested.

Last term we looked at "The Weather"

We looked at ice, snow, sun, and cloud. We made our own umbrellas, a sunflower height chart and kites.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year with a Chinese restaurant with Chinese snacks and decorations. We also had a fantastic dragon.



This term we are looking at "Spring, Cooking and Books" –

We have World Book day this Thursday where we will be having dressing up and show and tell with our favourite books.

Last week we had cooking week where the children made vegetable scones and pizzas. We also used felt to make pizza pictures and talked about healthy eating.



We will also have some spring activities later on in the term.

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Fundraising Bingo

We hope to be holding an Easter Bingo night to raise funds for Pre-school.

We will update our FB page and the website with a date and you will also see posters around the village. This is a great event, please come and join us for this fundraiser. (Donations of prizes are always welcome)

Show and Tell.

After Easter we will be starting letter of the week again with show and tell. There will be a weekly rota for the children to bring something in to share with their friends. More details will follow.....