

Great Wood Farm Early Years Centre

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Newsletter

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We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday, and we would like to thank everyone who came to our Easter Egg Hunt. Term 5 is now underway and we are looking forward to lots of outdoor activities in the warmer weather!

Forthcoming Events

April

Tuesday 30th – Forest School Party for whole nursery

May

Thursday 2nd May – Kate Robinson to deliver talk for Grantham Sunrise Rotary Club on Forest School

Monday 6th May – GWFEYC closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May – School Readiness Talk for Parents 5pm

Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd May – Photographer at GWFEYC

Friday 24th May – end of Term Time funding

Monday 27th May – GWFEYC closed for Bank Holiday

Staff News

As part of her apprenticeship, Harley is completing one term in each of our rooms here to gain a broad experience of the EYFS. She has recently moved from Babies to Younger Kindergarten.

Parent and Baby and Toddler group

A reminder that the new term of our Parent and Baby and Toddler group commenced on Friday 26th April, for which we still have availability. The sessions are from 9.30am to 10.30am, during Lincolnshire term time. It is aimed at all babies (from birth) and toddlers up to 16 months, along with their Parents/Carers, regardless of whether they attend GWF. Each session will comprise of interactive activities, informal chats and refreshments; providing opportunities to learn about children's development as well as meeting other families.

Booking is essential for all sessions, and are £2 per session. Fees are payable for the term in advance.

Forest School Party- Tuesday 30th April

To celebrate 10 years of our Forest School being established, we will be holding a party for children and staff across the nursery (who attend on a Tuesday) on Tuesday 30th April. Six of our Forest School Leaders will be delivering activities for all the children – including natural weaving, den building and toasting marshmallows over the fire. The kitchen will be cooking lunch in the woods, with mess tins being used for the older children. Tables and chairs will be taken to the woods for the babies and toddlers. The party will end in time for 1pm pick ups and afternoon sleeps. We think that this will be a lovely way to celebrate how much we have achieved with our Forest School over the last 10 years, it is now well embedded with all ages at the EYC and visiting schools on trips.

School Readiness Talk – Monday 13th May

All parents/carers of children in Older Kindergarten are welcome to this talk, which will explain GWF's plans for this summer term to support both the children and parents/carers transition into school. Please email the office if you would like to book a place, or alternatively complete the form on the door in Older Kindergarten.

Photographer Sessions – Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd May

Our photographer will be at GWF on the above dates. If your child does not attend a session on any of these days, and you would like to bring them in, please contact the office. Please note you are under no obligation to purchase the photographs.

Nursery Animals

Our Pygmy goats now have a new home in the paddock by the Rangers room and have settled in well. The children are loving the animals and enjoy petting and feeding them, along with collecting eggs! The animals are a big part of life here, and it's lovely to see the children interacting so well with them all.

Garden Developments

Developments in the garden continue, with Matt's to do list ever expanding! He has been doing a great job so far, and we are seeking to continually develop the gardens to improve the environment for all children. We'd be grateful to receive parent/carer suggestions for the space, please see our question of the month in the nursery entrance.

Planning in the Moment

Planning in the moment has been embraced well by all rooms, with both staff and children enjoying this new approach. We've received some great feedback from staff and parents.

Daily Journals

Please be reminded that each room has a daily journal which includes photographs and notes regarding what activities have been done that day.

Funding for September

For any childcare funding due to start in September, we will email parents and carers all of the details you will need to know over the Summer to allow plenty of time to get the funding confirmed.

Sunhats

With the weather now getting warmer, please can we ask parents and carers to bring in named sunhats for your child or children.

We would like to thank everybody for your continued support.