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Newsletter

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Welcome to our February term 4 newsletter. We have done our very best to enjoy the wet weather by jumping and splashing in the many puddles. But we are certainly looking forward to a drier time so that we can utilise our outside areas better and can enjoy staying outside even longer.

The sheep should start lambing very soon and we are looking forward to lots of trips by all rooms to see them in the lambing barn.

Events during term 4 are listed below and further information is included in this newsletter.

February and March

Monday 23rd February – Term 4 begins for term time funding

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 13th March – Mother's Day Breakfast

April

Wednesday 1st April – Whole Nursery Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 3rd April – End of term time funding

Friday 3rd April – Closed for Good Friday

Monday 6th April – Closed for Easter Monday

Monday 20th April – Term 5 begins for term time funding

World Book Day, Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating world book day shortly. All children should be getting a £1 book token to put towards a book, details on how these can be used are on the back of the token.

All the rooms will be exploring the wonder of books in various ways. We welcome children bringing in their favourite book from home to share throughout the week, and they may come dressed in their favourite character if they so wish. Please ensure books are named and limited to one book per child.

Further information will be sent out shortly.

Mother's Day Breakfast, Friday 13th March

To celebrate Mother's Day we would like to invite mums or a special person in your child's life to join their child for breakfast. This will be between 7.30am and 9:00am for all children in the nursery except Kindergarten Hares Room children which will be between 9:00am and 9:45am. We will send out a booking form for this event shortly.

Phonics Workshop, Tuesday 24th March, 5 pm

If your child is due to go to school in September 2026, we are going to be hosting a phonics workshop to explain what we will be doing at nursery over the Summer term, and how you can support at home ready for the transition to school. It is going to be held on Tuesday 24th March at 5:00 – 6:00pm. If you are unable to make this date we will send out the handouts so please do not worry. If you would like to join us please sign up here if you have not already done so: [Phonics Workshop](#)

Easter Egg Hunt and Songs in the Wood, Wednesday 1st April, 9.30 am for Kindergarten children, 10.30 am for Babies and Toddlers

We will be going to the woods for our usual Easter Egg hunt and songs on Wednesday 1st April. Parents/carers are invited and we ask you to meet us in the car park rather than come into the nursery. Parents of Kindergarten children should come along for 9.30 am and parents of Babies and Toddlers should arrive ready for 10.30 am.

End of Term for term time funding, Friday 3rd April

For those children who are receiving term time funding you will not be charged or booked in for the Easter holiday period. However, you are welcome to book your child in, please email and let us know any days you would like. Stretched funding continues throughout this holiday period.

Closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday – Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April

Safeguarding Measures and Safer Recruitment Policies in Nurseries

The recent national coverage of Vincent Chan, who worked in a nursery in London, who has been jailed for offences against children has been shocking and upsetting. We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of our rigid safer recruitment policy and safeguarding measures in place. We know nothing like this would ever happen at Great Wood Farm and are lucky to have such a wonderful team here. Our policies and leadership are thorough and protect every child and staff member.

Lambing Time

Lambing time is always a popular time of year and will begin in approximately a week. The children love going to visit the farmyard to see the sheep and lambs. This year we will be displaying live filming of the lambing shed and displaying it on a television in the entrance hall at pick up and drop off times. We will also put out updates on social media.

We will follow our farm risk assessment when we visit the farm and have good hand washing procedures in place. We would like to make expectant mums aware there is a small risk from infections which sheep and newborn lambs carry. When we visit the lambs we don't go into the lambing pens and barn, staying in the farmyard looking in and wouldn't touch lambs just born still covered in afterbirth. A suggested precaution from the Government is below, please speak to your child's room leader if you are pregnant and have any worries.

The following is an extract from Government recommendations:

Although the number of human pregnancies affected by contact with an infected animal is extremely small, it is important that pregnant women are aware of the potential risks and take appropriate precautions.

- *Avoid handling (including washing) clothing, boots or any materials that may have come into contact with animals that have recently given birth, their young or afterbirths. Potentially contaminated clothing will be safe to handle after being washed on a hot cycle*

Start of term time funding - Monday 20th April

Term 5 term time funding begins.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to an exciting term ahead.