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# Newsletter

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We are at last enjoying the warmer weather, most days at least, and are making the most of our fantastic outdoor spaces.

This term we will be busy working with schools to support all of our leavers with their transition to school; a time of mixed emotions. So if your child is leaving for school this summer please look carefully at the events we have arranged for you to help with this process.

Events during term 6 are listed below and further information is included in this newsletter.

## June

Tuesday 9th June (am) – Sports Day

Thursday 11th June (am) – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 19th June – Father's Day, Join us for Breakfast

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 5.00 to 6.00 pm – Social for Parents/Carers of School leavers

## July

Wednesday 1st July Food in the Early Years Workshop, 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Saturday 4th July, Sponsored Charity Run/Walk, start time of 9.30 am

Monday 6th July, week commencing – Parents invited to attend Forest School sessions

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, week commencing – Forest School Spinney Trip for School leavers

Friday 17th July – Leavers Presentation at 1.30 pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of term 6 for term time funding

## August

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August - End of term for children on stretched funding

## Sports Day, Tuesday 9th June (am)

We are excited to let you know that our Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 9th June from 9:00am to 11:00am. To help all of the children feel comfortable, this event will be for the children only. We have found that having parents present can sometimes be a little overwhelming for them. However, we will be taking lots of photos and videos throughout the morning, which will be shared on your child's EyLog for you to enjoy. For parents of children in Badgers and Hares who will be starting school this year, if your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday, we would love for them to join us for Sports Day. You are welcome to bring them along at 10:00am to take part in the activities. While they are participating, you can either wait in the car park or head off for a quick cuppa, and collection will be at 11:00 am. If your child will be joining us, please select the option from the Eyparent message sent out on Tuesday yesterday to let us know so that we can plan accordingly. If your child will not be attending, no action is required.

### **Father's Day – Join us for Breakfast, Friday 19th June**

To celebrate Father's Day we would like to invite Dads or a special person in your child's life to join their child for breakfast. This will be between 7.45 am and 9.30 am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June for all children in the nursery or between 9.00 am and 9.30 am for children in Kindergarten Hares. We will send out an invite shortly so that we have an idea of numbers.

### **Social for Parents/Carers of School Leavers, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 5.00 to 6.00 pm**

We are inviting parents/carers of this year's school leavers to attend a social on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm to meet some of the parents of children who are going to the same school as your child. This will be held in Farmer Brian's Wood and our cob oven pizzas will be served. We will share how to support your child over the coming three months prior to starting school and explain how our Rangers' club works. It will also give you an opportunity to ask any further questions about the transition process. We will send out an invitation shortly.

### **Food in the Early Years Workshop, Wednesday 1st July, 5.00 to 6.00 pm**

Following feedback from parents we are hosting this new workshop. We will explore different recipes and ideas from our menus, curriculum and food guidance along with weaning advice. We will have samples of sugar free, easy and healthy snacks. We will send out a booking link shortly.

### **Sponsored Charity Run or Walk, Saturday 4th July, start time of 9.30 am**

We're delighted to announce that on Saturday 4th July, Great Wood Farm will once again be hosting a sponsored walk or run to raise vital funds for Cancer Research - an event which has become a much-loved annual tradition. The walk will begin at 9.30 am from the nursery. Choose your challenge around the woods with routes of 4.6k, 2.3k, 1.2k or a pushchair route up to 2k - whether you walk, jog or run, every step counts! All money raised will go directly to Cancer Research, helping them continue their incredible work. You'll even get a cuppa and a cake at the end!

### **Parents invited to attend Forest School, week commencing 6th July**

We would like to invite the parents of all Toddler and Kindergarten children to attend their child's forest school session during the week commencing 6th July to celebrate this year's forest school. Parents of school leaver children are also invited to stay for a meal cooked on the fire. We will send out a booking form shortly.

### **Forest School Spinney Trip for School Leavers Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, week commencing**

As a special treat, we would like to take the school leavers on a forest school trip to the Spinney at Little Bytham the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July. We will send out a permission form to the older children shortly for this trip with further details.

### **School Leavers' Presentation, Friday 17th July**

Our leavers' presentation will be held on Friday 17th July at 1.30 pm and is open to parents/carers of children leaving for school in September. The children give a performance followed by the staff. The children are then presented with a book and we finish with afternoon tea. The event usually finishes by 3.00 pm. If your child is not in on this day, please do bring them in for 1.15 pm if you're able to. We very much hope you are able to join us.

### **Rangers' Holiday Club**

Bookings are already open for our Rangers' summer holiday club and we will be sending out the programme of activities very shortly.

### Ticks

We would like to remind you about the risks of a tick bite and encourage you to look at the end of every day for any possible tick bites, as they are most active at this time of year with the long grass around.

### Summer Clothing

We are happy for children to go on Forest School in summer clothes to maintain their well-being but please ensure they have sturdy shoes such as trainers. We also advise clothing to go over the shoulders, however, we understand this is parental choice.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to enjoying a wonderful summer at Great Wood Farm.