

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Volume: 14 Issue: 4



Little Gregs  
Pre-School

Dear Little Gregs Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank all Little Gregs Families for our lovely cards and gifts at Christmas. The thank you messages in the cards, were wonderful to read and the Little Gregs Team really appreciated them.

I would like to welcome our new Little Gregs Families, and the new children who have joined us. They have all settled in really well.

The pre-school is now in full swing and we have lots planned for the rest of the spring term. Miss Gemma from Just Dance will be running a class on a Monday morning with the Lions and Tigers group for the Monday session children, after February half term till the end of spring term.

Cubs will be growing butterflies, and we will be hatching chicks again this year!

To support these wonderful extra-curricular activities, fundraising is so important to help make this happen.

February 8<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a cake sale.

Any parents who can help support the cakes sale, please let me know.

As the children have enjoyed Milkshake Monday, we will continue this over the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of spring term. This is 20p per week. The cost for milkshake Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 6 weeks = £1.20p

The parent information evening will be taking place in March 2022 (Date to be confirmed). I have changed this to a Parents Open Evening. This will be a chance to talk/meet the pre-school team, ask any questions and take a look around the pre-school.

This event is parents only, unfortunately children will not be able to attend.

Kind Regards

Sarah Wilkes

Pre-School Manager

## Reminders:

-If your child is absent you must inform the pre-school by 9am. Please phone or email. This has to be done for each day of absence.

-Water bottle needed for each session. Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled.

-Please label all your child's belongings. They should have a full change of clothing including socks.

-No Nuts in snack boxes or packed lunches.

-Hot Lunches can be ordered daily at the gate when you drop off.

Dates for the Diary	
National Story Telling Week	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> January - 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Cake Sale	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Little Greys  
Pre-School

Volume: 14 Issue: 4

End of First Half of Spring Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
February Half Term Break	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Return to Pre-School	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 Just Dance with Miss Gemma - Lions & Tigers 'Children in Monday AM sessions only'
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
End of Spring Term	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Easter Half Term Break	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022
Return to Pre-school	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Bank Holiday Pre-School Closed	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
Return to Pre-School	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Last Day of Summer Term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Cubs

So far this half term, the Cubs have been sharing favourite story books. They have thoroughly enjoyed "Three Little Pigs" and "Going on a Bear Hunt". We have built our own dens, acted both stories out on the field, made bears, pigs, a big wolf and cooked up some delicious tomato pastry wheels.

For the rest of the half term, we will be sharing sea creature stories and the "Gingerbread Man".

We are working hard on encouraging your children to try to tell us the stories once they are familiar with them, to build on their language skills. We are also introducing prepositional language for their understanding and use. For Maths, we are practicing our counting skills, colours and shapes.

From Cubs Team.



## Lions and Tigers

This term we have been exploring our local community 'Stratford upon Avon'. In the role-play area we have had a hairdressers and café. Outside role play is a garage, the children helped to make a petrol pump. The children have been developing their communication and language and literacy skills in the role-play area.

We also enjoyed a walk around Stratford town and enjoyed snack at waterside. The children were able to share their own experiences of the different places we saw in town. Another walk took us to St Gregory's Church and we talked about why we may visit the church. After looking at the windows we made our own stain glass pictures for the pre-school windows.

For Maths, we have been exploring number and shapes. While out in the local community, we have explored shapes and numbers that are around us in the wider environment. This helps support our learning that numbers and shapes are all around us.

P.E with Andy has been great fun. We have been developing our catching, throwing and balancing skills. P.E also supports our listening skills, to ensure we can follow his instructions.

To support our fine motor skills, we have been developing our scissor control. Cutting out different shapes, or following lines to cut.

For snack we have made our own sandwiches and crispy cakes.

From

Lions and Tigers Team



## FOOD SAFETY IN THE EARLY YEARS.

Following the recent report of a child choking to death. I would like to raise parents' awareness of the risks of children choking.

### How to reduce the risk of choking:

#### Food preparation

- Remove any stones and pips from fruit before serving.
- Cut small round foods, like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, lengthways and into quarters.
- Cut large fruit like melon, and hard fruit or vegetables like raw apple and carrot into slices instead of small chunks.
- Do not offer raisins as a snack to children under 12 months - although these can be chopped up as part of a meal.
- Soften hard fruit and vegetables (such as carrot and apple) and remove the skins when first given to babies from around 6 months.
- Sausages should be cut into thin strips rather than chunks and remove the skins.
- Remove bones from meat or fish.
- Do not give whole nuts to children under five years old.
- Do not give whole seeds to children under five years old.
- Cut cheese into strips rather than chunks.
- Do not give children hard sweets.

