

APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Little Gregs
Pre-School

Dear Little Gregs Families,

Wow! March was a busy month at Little Gregs. With Chatter Matters Week, Lambs coming to visit us, dance with Miss Gemma and the poem competition we entered. Young Writers need parents' permission by 06-05-2022 at the very latest. It would be lovely for your child's work to be published in the My First Poem 2022 - A Treasure Chest of Rhyme. Thank you to the parents/carers who joined us for our parents open evening and the wonderful mummies who came to the tea party.

I can't believe how fast this pre-school year is moving. After the Easter break we will be moving into the summer term. We have lots of exciting activities planned. Lions and Tigers are hatching chicks, Cubs are hatching butterflies, we are planning sports day with Andy, for the Friday PE session children. I will share our plans for Friday PE Sports Day when they have been finalized as I have to work with St Gregory's Primary School.

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.

-For sunny days, please ensure your child has a sun hat (clearly named).

-Please apply sun cream before your child attends pre-school.

Dates for the Diary	
Just Dance with Miss Gemma	Monday 25 th April 2022 - 23 rd May 2022 Monday AM session children only.
End of Spring Term	Friday 8 th April 2022
Easter Half Term Break	Monday 11 th - 22 nd April 2022
Return to Pre-school	Monday 25 th April 2022
Little Gregs Sponsored Walk	Saturday 30 th April 2022
Bank Holiday - Pre-School Closed	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Friday 27 th May 2022
Half Term	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022
Return to Pre-School	Monday 6 th June 2022
Pre-School Photos 'Sarah Taylor'	Tuesday 7 th June 2022

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Father's Day Forest Treat 3.45-4.45pm	Friday 17 th June 2022
Lions and Tigers Sport's Day (Friday Morning Session Children)	Friday 8 th July 2022
Last Day of Summer Term	Thursday 21 st July 2022

Thank you for your kind donations for Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day'

We raised £37.00



Lions and Tigers

The children have been busy with Chatter Matters Week, Autism Awareness Week, learning why we are all different and how we can be kind to each other.

Having a lovely visit with the lambs at Forest School.

In the role-play area we have enjoyed the garden centre, planting flowers for our outdoor area and using the soil and flowers to develop our imagination in play. The children have made mud birthday cakes, pies and flower cakes. Developing social and language skills.

With Helen we have been exploring rhyming words, using stories and objects. This has been so much fun, as the children have been using rhyming words during play and using our names to create funny rhyming names.

PE and dance has helped us develop our gross motor skills, exploring different ways to move. St Gregory's has been very kind letting us use the school hall, giving us more room to move and providing opportunities for us to use the climbing equipment in the hall.

From

Lions and Tigers Team



Cubs

This half term, the Cubs have been learning about animals. We have explored the jungle and enjoyed playing with farm animals. We also had a wonderful week based on Chatter Matters, with lots of duck play! We are so pleased with our Cubs language development - this is progressing very well.

This has been encouraged through our role play areas. Over the last few weeks, we have had a cafe outside and a farm shop inside. Once everyone realised we don't have to have ALL the food in our basket, we have to share, and we saw some lovely social play and language between your children. Some good friendships are beginning to form.

The other big hits of this half term have been dance with Miss Gemma and the new mud kitchen up at nature nursery.

Next half term, we will have real caterpillars arriving. We can watch the process of them turning into butterflies and then release them on the field! We also have eggs arriving and children can watch chicks hatch. A very exciting time ahead!

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!

From

Cubs Team



We are planning a trip to have a ride on the big wheel and picnic by the river.

Wednesday 29th June 2022

To make this happen we need parent helpers. If you can help please speak with Sarah or Helen.

If Wednesday is not your child's normal session, they are welcome to join us, A Parent or Carer will need to stay to take full responsibility of their care.

This trip will be confirmed when we have enough parent helpers.



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On Saturday 30th April 2022, Little Gregs Staff are walking the Welcombe Hills and around the surrounding areas.

Updates of the walk on the day will be shared on our Facebook page.

The aim is to raise funds for the Pre-school to refresh the outdoor classrooms and support future extra-curricular activities.

A sponsored form is attached to the email, it would be wonderful if you can support the Little Gregs Team in raising funds. (Printed forms are available from the office)

Thank you for your continued support.

Little Gregs Team.

Helen is looking for an old tank to make a wormery with the Lions and Tigers children.

Do you have an old medium sized tank at home?

That we can borrow.

