

JULY NEWSLETTER

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Little Gregs
Pre-School

Dear Little Gregs Families,

Wow! We have 3 weeks left before the end of term.

This is the final newsletter for 2021-22, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great summer break! I would like to thank everyone who has played part in a successful year in the life of the pre-school, including staff, directors, parents, and most of all the children. As we say farewell to our pre-school 'Lions and Tigers' children we wish them all the very best for the next phase of their journey.

It has been wonderful for partnership with parent events to happen across the year. Father's Day Forest Treat was very successful and it was fantastic for so many dads to join us!

The pre-school trip to the big wheel was also successful, all the children were well behaved and the gentleman running the wheel commented at how well behaved the children were!

End of Year Questionnaire – Has been sent home, please support the pre-school by completing the questionnaire as the information helps develop our improvement plan and supports the future of the pre-school.

On Thursday 21st July at 10am – 11.15am, we would like to invite parents from children who are leaving Little Gregs Pre-School this July 2022. To a Leavers Service, Due to the space within the pre-school, we can only offer 2 invites per family.

If this not your child's normal session, please bring them to the service at 10am to join in. Please let me know your attendance.

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	
Lions and Tigers Sport's Day (Friday Morning Session Children) 10am - 11.15am.	Friday 8 th July 2022
St Gregory's Summer Fete	Saturday 9 th July 2022
Pre-School Leavers 'Service' 10am - 11.15am (Please let Sarah or Helen know your attendance)	Thursday 21 st July 2022

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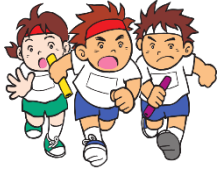


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Last Day of Summer Term

Thursday 21st July 2022

Lions and Tigers Sport's Day



Friday 8th July 2022

10-11.15am

This is for Friday morning session children only, 'PE with Andy'.

St Gregory's Primary School, are happy for parents to come onto the school site for the sports session, parents must enter/leave the school field at the same time, as one group, so we can ensure the gates are locked behind you. If you are late you will not be allowed onto the school site. A member of Little Gregs Team will meet parents at the main school gate at 9.55am to walk you around to the school field.

The health impacts of screen time.

There are no 'safe' amounts of screen time, and the amount of screen use that is right will vary from family to family. We suggest you ask yourself the following questions.

- 1, **Is screen time in your household controlled?** This means BOTH the screen use of children, teenagers AND adults in the family.
- 2, **Does screen use interfere with what your family want to do?** This will obviously vary from family to family, but remember, for younger children, **face to face social interaction is vital to the development of language and other skills**, and screen – based interaction is not an effective substitute for this.
- 3, **Does screen use interfere with sleep?** We recommend that screens are avoided for an hour before planning sleep time.
- 4, **Are you able to control snacking during screen time?** It can be very easy to lose track if meals are eaten in front of screen!

Please visit RCPCH 'Children's Health' for more information.



Cubs

We are having a lovely half term in the Cubs, and enjoying as much outdoor play as the weather allows us! You should be receiving our regular Tapestry observations detailing the different activities your children are participating in.

So far we have covered the topics 'People Who Help Us', and 'The Sea'. Children were developing their empathy skills in our outdoor hospital, looking after both their friends and the baby dolls. We then had a sea area where everyone could dress up as pirates or princesses. The recently regenerated mud kitchen has been used a lot for making both pasta and herbs dishes and mud pies.

Nature nursery on a Wednesday morning is always thoroughly enjoyed and we have made bird feeders and nature tree pictures.

For the remaining half term, we will have a camping outdoor area with an ice cream shop, talking about our different holiday experiences and where we might be going.

We wish all our Cubs who are moving into the pre-school room a very happy transition and will miss them in the den! We hope you all have a lovely summer break.

From

Cubs Team

Lions and Tigers

We are having a fantastic time in Lions and Tigers, lots of learning and talking about London! The children have been very creative building London with a range of construction materials and junk modelling.

Lots of outdoor play, building with the large construction, water play and exploring our new adapted outdoor classroom.

We have been learning about fire safety, and road safety and it was lovely to have 'Warwick the Bear' visit the pre-school. Over the remaining of this term, we will be continuing to cover how to keep safe, by talking about protective behaviours.

In group activities, stories and role-play, we will be supporting the pre-school leavers with transition to primary school.

The Lions and Tigers team, would like to wish all the leavers a very happy transition to primary school!

From

Lions and Tigers Team

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RECENT SUCCESSES



Sarah and Renata Language Champions. Have achieved 'Time to Talk Award' for providing an enhanced language provision.

Little Gregs Pre-school has been awarded the Wincks accreditation for the year 2022-2023.

IDS says: *"Your application was strong and what we saw on paper is clearly what is happening in your nursery. Thank you for all you do to promote inclusion in your setting and for your families."*

