

# MAY NEWSLETTER

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Little Gregs  
Pre-School

Dear Little Gregs Families,

May has flown by so quickly! With a blink of an eye, half term is here!

Our new children who joined Little Gregs have settled in so well and it's lovely to see friendships developing. Lots of exciting learning has taken place this month, with the main highlight of the life cycle of a butterfly. It was lovely for all the children Cubs, Lions and Tigers go up to Forest School to release them.

It is an exciting year for Little Gregs as we celebrate 15 years being an Early Years Provider and registered with OFSTED! This is a big achievement and I would like to celebrate the staff who have given 15 years service to the pre-school. Helen, Anna and Teresa.

I would like to share with you we are a charity run/ independent pre-school and rent the building from St Gregory's Primary school. Fundraising is so important for the pre-school. As it helps us to support extra-curricular activities and new resources for the children.

This year 2022/2023 we have been able to support the following activities with our fundraising.

Activity	Cost
Lions and Tigers PE with Andy	£406.38
Cubs visit to the Butterfly Farm	£75.00
Lions and Tigers Robot Reg Phonics	£800.00
Lifecycle of the Butterfly	£17.00
Forest School Planting	£50.00

Thank you for supporting our cake sale Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 we raised £102.11. Over the next half term we have a fun run planned with Andy for our PE session. Friday morning children will be running 1 mile with Sarah, Helen and Andy, around the school field. Training is currently taking place. Sponsor forms will be sent out soon! During our pre-school leavers service we will have a tombola and cake sale.

Kind Regards  
Sarah Wilkes  
Pre-School Manager



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## 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.

-Please be at the gate for 8.30am

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

-Please label your child's belongings including 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. The cost of a hot lunch is £2.40.

-**Sun hat and cream to be applied in the morning by parents before pre-school, children attending all day sessions, will be given a top up during lunch. Please ensure sun cream bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

-**No mobile phones to be used on site**



Dates for the Diary	
Inset Day (Closed) Teacher Training	Friday 26th May 2023
May Half Term	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023
Return to Pre-School	Monday 5th June 2023
Lions and Tiger Educational Visit 'Hatton Country World'	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Sports Morning - Lions and Tigers Friday Session children only. 9am-10am (More information will follow)	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Lions and Tigers Leavers Service, PM Session (More information will follow)	Tuesday 18th July 2023
End of Summer Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023



## FREE Webinar for Parents

DigiSafe have partnered with the [Early Years Alliance](#) to offer a 1 hour webinar on **Thursday 8th June 10-11am** to parents of children aged 0-5 years, about simple steps to take to keep children safe when using online devices. Find out more [here](#).

## Lions and Tigers

The last few weeks have been busy, we had lots of fun celebrating the Kings Coronation, making sandwiches and baking cakes, enjoying afternoon tea with Cubs.

The children got creative making crown and lots of gold glitter to make the kings carriage.

We then moved onto the life cycle of the butterfly and exploring bugs, going on a bug hunt at forest school.

In the forest school area we have two planters, we got busy weeding them, adding new soil and planting strawberry and pepper plants, lavender and marigolds.

The children planted sunflower seeds and have taken them home to watch them grow, together we have learnt how to care for plants. Please share photos of the sunflower growing at home on Tapestry.

In maths this half term, we have been exploring patterns, in picture and colour. Creating our own patterns using colours.

Phonics with Robot Reg 'Jo' on a Friday afternoon has been fantastic the children have a great time and it's a fab way to end the week in pre-school. We have received so much feedback from parents, this has been shared with Jo!

After May half term we will be completing protective behaviours with the children. Supporting the children to name body parts correctly, naming 5 people who can help us and talk to; using the hand method and moving onto the topic, people who can help us.

If you have any questions relating to this topic 'protective behaviours' please speak with Sarah or Helen.

Lions and Tigers Team



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## Cubs

This half term has flown by in the Cubs. We started back after Easter learning about spring. Your children helped to make a beautiful spring display in the Den, and have really enjoyed playing in our shop outside, engaging in some role-play with one another. We have sown some wildflower seeds in our raised bed at nature nursery.

Everyone has also loved watching the lifecycle of a butterfly, whilst sharing The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. We watched the caterpillars get bigger and bigger, turn into cocoons, and then after a long sleep, re-emerge as butterflies! After a few days we released all four butterflies up at nature nursery, together with the Lions and Tigers.

After half term, we will have a doctors' surgery inside and cafe outside for our role-play areas. We will be learning about the emergency services and then all about holidays!

Have a lovely half term break.

Cubs Team





## Vaccines

Parents urged to check their children are up to date with vaccines.

Measles is a highly infectious, but preventable, disease that can lead to serious health problems.

Symptoms of measles include a high fever, sore red watery eyes and a blotchy red-brown rash, and it is particularly easy to catch in environments when in close contact with others.

The MMR vaccination is an easy and effective way to protect against measles, however, vaccine uptake rates are reducing and as a result cases of measles are on the increase.

Children are offered the first dose of the MMR vaccine when aged one year and the second dose aged 3 years 4 months.

We're urging parents of young children, teenagers and adults to check they are up to date with their MMR vaccines – it's never too late to catch up with your vaccines. Get in touch with your GP for more information or to book your appointment.



## VOLUNTEER FOR US



We are recruiting Family Support Volunteers, Volunteer Drivers, Group Volunteers and Fundraising Volunteers. For more information please get in touch:

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## Child Seat Check Event



Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership invites you to attend free child car seat and vehicle safety check events being held throughout Warwickshire, 22nd – 26th May 2023.

Our child seat check events help raise awareness of the importance of correctly fitted child seats to reduce avoidable child passenger casualties and supporting drivers to undertake essential vehicle checks.

From previous years, we know that around 80% of child car seats in Warwickshire do not fit the car, are incompatible with the child, or need adjustment such as re-routing of seatbelt or adjustment of head restraint.

Child Seat Safety, experts in the field of car seat safety and IOSH accredited in car seat training will lead and deliver the events. With over 40 years of child seat knowledge Child Seat Safety will be available to check and adjust seats and answer questions relating to car seat safety that you may have.

This event is open to all Warwickshire residents, and beyond, and is **completely free to attend with no need to book**.

The venues are:

Monday 22nd May: Dobbie's Garden Centre, Rugby, CV23 9QQ

Tuesday 23rd May: Tesco, Warwick, CV34 5QJ

Wednesday 24th May: Tesco, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 0UA

Thursday 25th May: Asda, Nuneaton, CV11 4FL

Friday 26th May: Dobbie's Garden Centre, Atherstone, CV9 1RF

**All sessions run 10am-3pm**

To find out more about these events please email: [roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk).



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