

MAY NEWSLETTER

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Little Gregs
Pre-School

Dear Little Gregs Families,

This is the final newsletter for 2022/2023, 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 leavers, we wish them all the very best for the next phase of their journey.

It has been a wonderful year taking the children on pre-school trips, taking part in Chatter Matters, Sponsored Run, Sport's Day, Dentist Visit, Walks to the canal to feed the ducks, Kings Coronation, Library Bus, Library visits in town and displays, Robot Reg and lots of positive learning opportunities for the children to develop.

It was a great honour to receive **GOLD** for our WInCKS award! The Little Gregs Team work so hard! The team is our greatest success! Excellent team work, supporting each other and sharing professional experiences and opinions. Valuing outside professionals who support and work with us at Little Gregs. Our IDS support teacher shared *"Thank you so much for your support ~ you do a fabulous job in meeting children's needs."*

To strength our service and learning environment, over the summer break. I am working closely with Helen to adapt the pre-school room, and integrating a sensory calming area for all children. Over the autumn term 2023. A number of professionals will be visiting to audit the setting to support other areas we could review. To support this work and improvements, I have applied for a local charity grant from Stratford District Council. We have been shortlisted and the panel will review our application next week!

We are looking forward to welcoming pre-school leavers parents/carers to our leaver's service Tuesday 18th July 2023. At this event we will be having a cake sale and tombola, which will be open to all parents to take part in at the end of the day. The donations for our tombola has been very kindly gifted by staff, Stratford Tesco, and one of our stationery suppliers. Cake donations will be very much appreciated, please bring them to pre-school Tuesday morning.

Thank you to Lions and Tigers parents 'PE with Andy' sponsored run. We raised an amazing £181.00. Andy was so pleased with all the children and he is already planning a sponsored event for next pre-school year!

In September 2023, we will be welcoming Claire to the team. Claire will be the Tigers group Supervisor, working closely with Helen. I am stepping away from this role, as I need to focus on the pre-school management and SENDCo Lead. I have really enjoyed supporting the Tigers children over the last few years! Time has come to get a better working balance. I will still be room based part time supporting children who require one 2 one support and small group inventions.

Once again thank you for your continued support!

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.

-**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	
Lions and Tigers Leavers Service, PM	Tuesday 18th July 2023
End of Summer Term	Friday 21 st July 2023
Teacher Training Day	Monday 4 th September 2023
Children Return to Pre-school	Tuesday 5 th September 2023

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Cubs

The Cubs have enjoyed a few different topics since half term. We learnt about the emergency services first, with your children particularly loving our doctors' surgery in the Den. They have been developing their empathy skills whilst 'caring' for one another.

We then spent a couple of weeks learning about trains, with some lovely stories, such as "Rusty's Train Ride" and "Choo Choo Train." We had a train station outside, with children telling us they were going to the seaside/park/shopping/on their holidays.

Most recently, we have been camping in our wigwam outside and playing in the ice cream shop.

The Cubs role-play skills have really come on this half term - there is much more social interaction going on between the children and we are seeing some lovely friendships forming.

Their colour and shape recognition is now very good, with their prepositional understanding developing as well.

For those Cubs moving up into the pre-school room in September, Anna and Renata will miss you! Your children have been a pleasure to look after and have given us many laughs over the past year. We wish them all the very best as they move on.

Cubs Team



Lions and Tigers

Lions and Tigers have been very busy these last few weeks! We've looked at protective behaviours, exploring the similarities and differences between ourselves and our friends. We've talked about healthy foods, setting up our role play area as a dentist and even had a visit by one, before looking at how doctors can help us.

We had our trip to Hatton Country World, where there was so much to do and see. The children were all fantastically well behaved and were very careful holding the guinea pigs and stroking the rabbits.

As the weather has gotten warmer, we've been able to enjoy more time outside where we've had our outside role play area set up as an airport, the children have been all around the world, including many trips to America!

We recently enjoyed Sports Day where all the children did brilliantly, everyone joined in and are well deserving of their medals! (But I think their favourite part was the mum's and dad's races!)

Lions and Tigers Team

