



Little Gregs
Pre-School

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an awesome start to the pre-school year. The children have settled into pre-school life so well. The children have been busy learning the pre-school routines and boundaries, making new friends and exploring the learning environment in and outdoors.

To support our partnership with Stratford Library, Lions and Tigers will be making a November display board, which will be displayed in the children's Library. Unfortunately the Library bus visits for Lions and Tigers has been reduced. The next visit is Wednesday 29th November 2023, then again 31st January 2024. This is sad news, we will continue to make the most of our future visits.

To support the food bank we are taking food bank donations for one week 23rd – 27th October 2023. On Friday 27th October 2023 it will be non-uniform day.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS THIS MONTH

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| • Washing up liquid | • Rice pudding |
| • Tinned chicken meals | • UHT Milk |
| • Shaving foam | • UHT long-life juice |
| • Custard | • Instant mash |
| • Tinned hotdogs | • Pasta sauce |

01/10/2023

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 and the reason for absence. 01789 290198 / littlegregs3506@welearn365.com

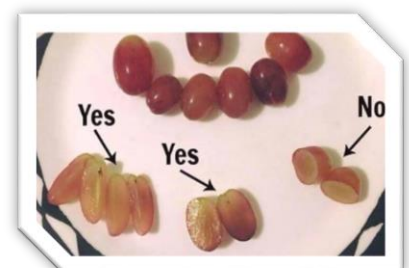
-Water bottle needed for each session. Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled.

-Please provide nappies if your child uses them.

-Please label your child's belongings.

-No Nuts in snack boxes.

- Please cut up grapes.





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Dates for the Diary	
AGM	Monday 23 rd October 2023
Last Day of Term	Friday 27 th October 2023
Half Term	Monday 30 th - Friday 3 rd November 2023
Return to Pre-School	Monday 6 th November 2023
Pre-school Photos	Thursday 9 th November 2023
Lions and Tigers Library Bus Visit	Wednesday 29 th November 2023
St Gregory's Christmas Faye 'Little Gregs have a stall'	Saturday 2 nd December 2023 2-4pm
End of Autumn Term	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Monday 8 th January 2024
Children Return to Pre-school	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
Last Day of Term	Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February 2024
Children Return to Pre-school	Monday 19 th February 2024
Teacher Training Day - Closed to Children	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Easter Break	Monday 25 th March - Friday 5 th April 2024
Children Return to Pre-school	Monday 8 th April 2024
Bank Holiday Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024

Individual Child Photos!

Are you looking for Christmas present ideas?

Sarah Taylor will be visiting Little Gregs Pre-school to take individual photos. On Thursday 9th November 2023, during the morning session. If this is not your child's normal session, you are welcome to come along to the pre-school at 9.15am to have your child's photos taken. Parents will need to stay on site.





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Cubs

A big welcome to all our new Cubs and their families, and welcome back to our 'old' Cubs. Your children have been settling in very well with us. They are exploring their new surroundings and learning our routine at pre-school.

This half term, we will be focussing on a nursery rhyme and colour each week. We have just done The Wheels on the Bus and the colour red, and next week will be Incy Wincy Spider with the colour black. It would be lovely if you could sing each week's rhyme with your child at home.

You will be introduced to Claire, our new Cubs Room Supervisor, over the next couple of weeks. She is very excited to meet you all and get to know your children. I will be sad to say goodbye in a few weeks but looking forward to a new challenge!

From

Cubs Team

Lions and Tigers

Lions and Tigers have had a brilliant start to the term; exploring new toys and play equipment, beginning to make new friends, and learning new rules and routines. We enjoy reading stories and singing nursery rhymes daily, developing early literacy skills.

In maths, we have looked at shape and colour, we have talked about how we can find different shapes and colours all around us. We have started looking at numbers 1 to 5, playing lots of simple counting games, and beginning to look at number recognition.

At Forest School we have been enjoying the fresh air, exploring the environment and looking at the chickens! We have been getting creative painting leaves, hedgehogs, and trees using broccoli, as we begin to talk about autumn.

We have had our role play area set up as a kitchen, preparing lovely meals, and more recently, as a Doctor's surgery, where we have been developing empathy skills 'caring' for each other.

We look forward to PE with Andy on Friday mornings. This is done either in the school hall or outside on the MUGA, where we have plenty of room to run around or practice our climbing and balancing skills, further developing our physical gross motor skills.

We will soon begin looking at ourselves and our families as we continue to learn more about each other and our friends.

From

Lions and Tigers Team



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

We invite all parents/carers to attend our AGM at Little Gregs Pre-School.

During the meeting we will be discussing highlights and achievements over the past year as well as discussing next steps and future developments planned for the year ahead.

If you are passionate about our community and interested in nominating for a position on the board of directors.

Please contact Sarah Pre-School Manager for a nomination form.

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Monday 23rd October @ 7pm

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We have a position available on our board of directors.

Little Gregs Pre-School and Out of School Club is overseen by a group of Directors who meet on a termly basis.

We are, therefore, looking to recruit one new volunteer who will help oversee Little Gregs and support the staff in the fantastic job they do with the children.

What commitment is required when becoming a Board Member?

- Attendance at a termly meeting
- Attendance at any ad hoc/sub-group meeting as and when required
- Willingness to commit the necessary time to the charity as required

Specifically we are looking for someone willing to take on the role of Secretary supporting meeting minutes and fundraising events. This role would require someone who could commit to a few hours per term.

The role is voluntary and receive no remuneration and are subject to an enhanced CRB check.

How do you get involved?

For further information or to express your interest in this exciting opportunity please speak with Sarah Wilkes 'Pre-School Manager'

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