



Little Gregs  
Pre-School

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## AUTUMN TERM 02 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are coming to the end of a long term and the pre-school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. Children and staff have been very busy with their learning and all the preparations for Christmas.

Over the term, lots of great learning has taken place and it is a delight to see the progress the children are making.

I am pleased to inform you, we have been successful in achieving a grant from Warwickshire County Council 'Early Years Settings and Schools Pilot Project'. This grant has been awarded to pre-school and St Gregory's Primary School to develop the shared EYFS outdoors area. Sarah and Helen are working very closely with St Gregory's to support the development of the area.

I am delighted to let you know that the application I put to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and Little Gregs Pre-school project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in stores from Mid-January 2025 until end of March 2025.

Tesco Stores voting on our project: Alcester, Stratford upon Avon Superstore, Stratford upon Avon Express and Stratford Banbury Road Express.

Every time you go shopping it will be great for you to support our project of developing gross motor skills outdoors.

Thank you for supporting our autumn term fundraising events this term. So far we have raised £518.06!

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas with your children and a happy new year! We look forward to welcoming the children back to pre-school Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Best Wishes,

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 and the reason for absence. 01789 290198 / [littlegregs3506@welearn365.com](mailto:littlegregs3506@welearn365.com)

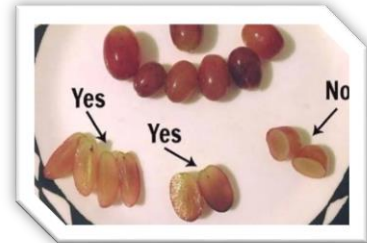
-Water bottle needed for each session. Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled.

-Please provide nappies if your child uses them.

-Please label your child's belongings.

-No Nuts in snack boxes.

- Please cut up grapes.



DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Christmas Nativity 1.30-2.30pm	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Party for Children 1.30-2.30pm	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Break	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
Teacher Training Day - Pre-school Closed to Children.	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Children Return to Pre-school	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Spring Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Children Return to Pre-school	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Teacher Training Day - Pre-school Closed to Children	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Break	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Children Return to Pre-school	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025



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### **Cubs**

What a busy term Cubs have had!

Early on we talked about Bonfire Night, and how to stay safe around fire, before making our own colourful firework pictures. Our outside role play area has been a Building Site and a Supermarket, where the Cub's children continue to develop their communication and language as they play together.

At Nature Nursery, we have wrapped up extra warm, some weeks finding muddy puddles and sometimes snow and ice, where we have collected a range of natural materials for us to get creative with.

We have been learning about shapes, finding them all around us, playing shape matching games and creating shape artwork. Books we have enjoyed this term include 'Dear Zoo' and 'Stick Man'.

These last few weeks we have enjoyed the excitement of preparing for Christmas, making lots of lovely things to bring home, and helping to decorate the Cub's room and Christmas tree.

Good luck to our Cub's Leavers as they move up to Tigers group, and we look forward to welcoming our new friends next term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From

Cubs Team

### **Lions and Tigers**

As we come to the end of this term, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences and learning adventures your children have enjoyed at pre-school. It has been a fun and busy time and we are so proud of all that the children have achieved.

We started the term with celebrations for Bonfire Night and fireworks. The children loved the colourful displays and enjoyed learning about this festive event.

After that, we explored important community services like the fire engine, police, and we also talked about road safety. The children learned so much about the people who keep us safe and how to stay safe themselves.

Role play has been a big part of our term. The children had lots of fun pretending to be firefighters at the fire station, builders at the construction site, mechanics in the garage, and doctors and nurses at the hospital. These activities helped them work together and use their imaginations.

As we approached the festive season, the last three weeks have been all about Christmas. We have enjoyed listening to magical Christmas stories, creating beautiful decorations, practising for our Nativity and celebration the joy of this special time of year.

Thank you for your support this term. We are delighted to see how much the children have grown and learnt. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you next week.

From

Lions and Tigers Team