



Parent Newsletter Autumn Term September 2020

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New arrangements for socially distanced drop off and collection

Please remember to adhere to the one way system if dropping off earlier than 9am. Drop off is at 9am for pre-school and nursery, collection is at 2.50pm from the all-weather pitch. If you have another child in school you may drop off all siblings at the earliest set time. Please ensure you are familiar with the risk assessment road map attached.

Parent/Key Person Information Sharing

You will be offered a 10 minute evening appointment with your child's key person between 30th November and 1st December. Additional meetings will be held in March and June. The object of these meetings is for you and your child's key person to share information about your child. You will have the opportunity to discuss their progress, successes and any concerns you may have.

Christmas Production and Party

Sadly we cannot perform our play for an audience this year. However, we will be practicing our play and the performance will be recorded. The play will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 2.15pm. Be assured we will find a way to share this with you after the event.

The Christmas party for Nursery and Pre-school will be on Thursday 17th December from 12.30pm to 3pm. If your child does not usually attend the setting on this day please do bring them along at 12.30pm.

Parking

Please ensure you use Waitrose car park for parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We are very lucky to have this agreement with Waitrose and it makes it much safer for our children. Please ensure the safety of all our children by avoiding parking on the double yellow lines at the school entrance.

Liturgy

Unfortunately due to the current circumstances, all Liturgies have been cancelled until further notice.

Photographer

The photographer will be visiting on Thursday 15th October at 8am. If your child does not normally attend the setting on this day or you would like to include a sibling in the photo, please note that we will be running an appointment system and you will be required to keep to your allotted time slot.

Billing

As we launch our new billing system you will notice a few changes. Nursery, pre-school and all clubs will now be charged on the same bill, along with hot dinners, purchases, trips etc. You will receive a monthly invoice for all charges at the end of each month. This is payable by bank transfer and you will find the bank details on the invoice. We would ask that wherever possible, please avoid cash payments due to the current Covid 19 restrictions. Please ensure the amount payable is paid in full. Invoices will be sent to the email address you have provided on your child's registration form. If you require the invoice to be sent to a different email address please email cct@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk.

REMINDERS

We are outstanding!

I am delighted and proud to share with you our recent OUTSTANDING Ofsted report, which can be found on the Child Care Trust website, paper copies are available in reception. I would like to say thank you to a superb outstanding team for achieving our third consecutive outstanding inspection. This truly reflects the team's hard work, commitment and dedication to providing the best possible care for your children. We continue to commit to the highest standards to achieve a positive, happy, learning environment and I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support.

Toys

May we please ask that children do not bring in their own toys. This is especially important with the current restraints of Covid 19. A transition toy to help settle -in nursery children is the only exception to this and we would ask, wherever possible, to please ensure that this is a washable toy.

Toothbrushes

All nursery children will be provided with a toothbrush. There will be a £1 charge for this on your monthly invoice. All the children will be cleaning their teeth each day after lunch.

Name Labelling

Please ensure that you label all your children's clothes and possessions. Inevitably things do sometimes get lost and it makes life much easier when things are named. T shirts and sweatshirt with the logo are available for purchase at a cost of £10 each.

PE

The pre-school children will be doing PE on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The Nursery children's PE session will be on a Thursday morning. Please ensure that your child's shoes are suitable for them to put on and take off themselves.

Changing bags

If you provide a changing bag, please include nappy sacks and wet wipes as we do not provide these.

Earrings

If your child has pierced ears, for safety reasons please ensure that only studs are worn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates

Half Term 26th October to 30th October 2020
Christmas Holiday 21st December 2020 to 5th January 2021
Half Term 15th February – 19th February 2021
Easter 1st April (1.20pm finish) to 16th April 2021
May Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021
Half Term 31st May to 7th June 2021
Summer Holiday 20th July 1.20pm finish

Photographer 15th October from 8am.
Christmas Production 16th December 2020 at 2.15pm (no audience)
Christmas Party 17th December 2020 12.30pm – 3pm
Parent/Keyworker Sharing 30th November – 1st December 2020