



NEWSLETTER

St Gregory's Childcare Trust, Summer Term 2021

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Confidential Help:

If you are struggling in any way, or you know of one of our families that may be struggling, you can confidentially contact Denise. There are many ways in which we can offer help and support, or you may just need a chat. Call Denise on 01242 515387 or email:

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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM

It's a pleasure to welcome you all to the summer term, we are hoping with the nicer weather to be able to enjoy more outside games and fun. Easter holiday club was a great success with the children enjoying making their own bath bombs, hot cross buns, Easter piñatas and sock bunnies, to name just a few.

We are looking forward now to our May half term holiday club, which includes a trip to Winston Churchill gardens for a play and picnic lunch. In after school club we have introduced a new menu which is going very well. Please see attached sample menu.

To find the recipes please search the HM Government website for example menus for early years settings in England.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/example-menus-for-early-years-settings-in-england

Or scan the QR code below.



Judith Lorman

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to our founder Judith, she passed away peacefully with her family by her side on 26th March 2021. Judith has dedicated her life to the Childcare Trust and St. Gregory's School. She created a centre that has always been family focused giving children every opportunity to reach their potential. She will be sadly missed by all of us. In lieu of flowers the family have asked for donations to be made to the Childcare Trust. In tribute, we are in the process of designing a beautiful, hand-carved, Story Telling Throne, to be installed in the garden for all the children to enjoy in her memory. If you would like to make a donation please use the bank details from your monthly invoice, using the reference "Judith".

Hand washing

All children must wash hands before then enter the setting. We now have outside sinks for this, the childcare trusts sink is the one closest to the top of the garden. **Please do not use the one outside the reception classes.**

Parking

Please do not use the staff car park at the front of the building when dropping off and collecting children. We work very hard to ensure the safety of our children and keeping all motor activity to a minimum whilst children are onsite is essential. There have been several worrying incidents. 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.

Drop off and collection

Drop off for breakfast club remains the same. Please remember that pick up times for afterschool club are 3:45-4pm, 4:45-5pm and 5:30-6pm. For pick-ups outside of these times please contact us on 01242 515387. For Holiday club there is more flexibility in pick up times. Children can be collected from the front door.

Unattended sessions.

Can I please remind everyone of the importance of letting the trust know if your child will not be attending their booked sessions. This is a safeguarding requirement. Our policy is to contact a parent within 15 minutes of children not arriving at After school club. If no one can be contacted to verify that the child has been collected and is safe within 30 minutes then the police and social services need to be informed. It is essential we are informed if a child is not attending to avoid unnecessary calls to parents/carers the police and social services. Many thanks to all the parents who continue to ensure we are informed if their child is not attending.

Principles of Play work

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All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological, psychological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and well-being of individuals and communities.

The Kids Club team have a sound understanding of the value of play for all children, weekly activities are thoughtfully planned to meet the children's needs and interests. Staff take cues from the children and join in their play allowing them to develop and extend play ideas.

Our golden rules

- Respect one another at all times
- Tidy up and help others to do the same.
- Be sensible
- Share
- Always walk indoors
- Always do as asked by an adult who works within the Trust.

We encourage all children to follow these golden rules to ensure a happy and safe environment.

Introducing.....

Kids clubs star of the week. Every week we will be celebrating children's achievements. The star of the week will be awarded to a child from each Kids Club group. It will be awarded to children showing outstanding behaviour, kindness, initiative etc.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club is now available to book for half term 1st – 7th June and inset day 6th May. Booking forms are attached. Remember Pre School and Nursery will be closed for the inset day 6th May and the bank holidays 3rd and 31st May.

Summer holiday club.

We are busy planning a fun filled Summer holiday club, hopefully including some trips. If your children have any suggestions for activities they would like to do we would love to hear them. We are always open for suggestions and appreciate your feedback.

Billing

- Invoices are sent at the end of each month and sessions are charged monthly in areas. Invoices are sent by email directly from our booking system "Family". If you do not receive your invoice by email at the end of the month, please check your junk mail or request a copy from cct@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk. Please advise us of any change to your email address.
- We continue to be cashless and would like to thank to everyone for their assistance in making this possible and keeping our staff safe. We will continue with the cashless system, if anyone has any difficulty with this please contact Lisa and she will be happy to assist.
- Unfortunately, there will be a small fee increase from September 21. Fees will be increased by 50p an hour.

Donations

If anyone has any board games or puzzles that are no longer needed we would be very grateful for them.

Calling all Gardeners

Our garden is in need of some attention. If anyone would like to volunteer some time and energy to a little tidying up of shrubs and injecting some TLC we would be very grateful. Cups of tea and biscuits will be provided in abundance to all volunteers! Please see Denise on the gate or give us a call.

Keeping Healthy & Staying Safe

Please remember if your child has a temperature, cough or loss of taste/smell, please do not bring them into the setting and inform the office of possible Covid 19 symptoms, as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term: 1st – 7th June 2021

Inset Day: 6th May 2021 (Holiday Club available)

May Bank Holiday: 3rd May 2021 & 31st May 2021

Half Term: 1st June 2021 - 7th June 2021 (Holiday Club available)

Term Ends: 20th July 2021 at 1.30pm