



## 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

With very heavy hearts we sadly said goodbye to our Founder and Head of Trustees, Judith Lorman. Judith passed away peacefully with her family by her side on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021. She 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".

There is a short history of the Childcare Trust on our website if you would like to know more about how the Childcare Trust was started.

We are delighted the sun is finally appearing and look forward to all the exciting things planned for this term. It's lovely to have everyone back as we head along a more sociable pathway. Please feel free to see me on the school gate or call me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes

Denise

#### 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 you have been allocated by school. Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time.

#### 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.

#### Liturgies

Unfortunately we are still unable to continue with our Liturgies. We will keep you posted when the situation changes.

#### Leavers party and Photo

Our leaver's party for pre-school will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and the Music Man will be entertaining us. All children are welcome to attend this day. We will be taking a Pre School leavers photo and it would be lovely to have the entire Pre-School attend.

## **PE**

Pre-School children will require a PE kit this term as they will be practicing dressing themselves and learning new skills.

## **Books & Book Bags**

Children are welcome to borrow and take home their favourite story books. Please encourage your children to bring home a book that they can read with you or perhaps can be supported in re telling you a story they may already know. School book bags are available to purchase from the office for £5.

## **Lunches**

- The Summer Menu is now available please ask a member of staff if you would like a copy.
- With the promise of warmer weather on the way please provide a cool pack with packed lunches to ensure lunches remain cool and fresh.
- Please provide cutlery within the lunch pack if it is required.
- We operate a nut free environment. Please ensure you do not provide food items in your child's lunch that contain nuts. Foods labelled 'may contain nuts/made in a factory that handles nuts' are acceptable.
- If you are running late in the morning and require a hot lunch, please call and order it before 9am.

## **Sunshine Safety**

- Please provide your child with a sun hat clearly labelled with their name.
- School caps are available for purchase from the office at £4.50 each.
- In the hot weather we will be applying sun cream when the children have outside play.
- There will be a £2 charge for sun cream added to June's invoice, as a small contribution to the cost.
- We use Nivea factor 50 sun cream, please ensure your child's registration form is up to date with any changes to allergies etc.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Learning this term**

- This term the children will be learning about their appearances and will be encouraged to look closely at themselves and others, exploring similarities and differences.
- **Please provide a baby picture of your child** so we can display this along the recent pictures we already have and the children will be reflecting on how they have grown and changed.
- Children will be looking at their fingers and thumbs, making comparisons and exploring Mehndi prints.
- There will be encouragement to develop the children's understanding of what is beneath their skin, staying healthy and ways we look after our bodies.
- The vegetable garden will be tended to and new life and growth will be explored.
- There will be a trip to Burford Wildlife Park, Nursery: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Pre-School 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## **Languages**

The children will continue to learn Mandarin and Spanish and we will be learning to sing nursery rhymes in different languages.

## **Road Map to School**

For our pre-schoolers moving up to School in September we attach The Road Map to School , this will assist you and your child prepare for school.

## **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.

## **REMINDERS**

### **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.

### **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.

### **Changing bags**

If you provide a nappy 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.

### **Holiday Club**

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

### **Useful Links**

- Early Years Funding. Apply for 30 hours free childcare at: [www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk](http://www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk)
- Tax Free Childcare - register here: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>
- Healthy Start Scheme – Free Vitamins. [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-young-people-and-families/healthy-start/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-young-people-and-families/healthy-start/)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Half Term:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Inset Day:** 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Holiday Club available)

**May Bank Holiday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 & 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

**Half Term:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Holiday Club available)

**Sports Day:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

**Trip to Burford:** Nursery 28th June, Pre-School 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer Production :** 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Tadpole Rag

**Photographer** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Summer Party with The Music Man:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Summer Holiday** 20<sup>th</sup> July 1.20pm finish