

# St George Preschool CIO– Term 2 Newsletter

As we are approaching the end of term 2, please dress your children warmly. They have access to outside play for the majority of the day. We provide the children with fleeces, waterproof coat & trousers, hats & gloves.

## **Important Dates**

Term 2 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec (inset day Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December)

Term 3 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb (inset day Fri 10<sup>th</sup> February)

Term 4 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> (inset day Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March)

Term 5 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July (inset day Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June) (preschool closed on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July for new children to visit)

## **Sickness**

Whilst we appreciate that we are into cough and cold season we have had an increase in children attending preschool that are unwell. If your child has a temperature that has required them to have calpol (or similar) the best place for them is at home. If your child is given antibiotics, please keep them home for at least 24 hours in case they have a reaction to them.

## **Woodwork donations**

Children in Oaks room have been accessing woodwork daily. If you could donate any bottle lids, corks, material etc. that be greatly appreciated.

## **Tapestry**

Did you know you can add observations to tapestry? We have really enjoyed seeing what your children are doing outside of preschool. This gives us an opportunity of sharing them with your child during the session where they are very proud to tell us about what they have been doing.

## **Late collection**

Unfortunately, we are having children collected late and will now be enforcing our late charges. Our collection times are 11:45 for a half day and 14:45 for a full day. Our late charge is currently £5.00 for the first 5 minutes and then £2.00 per minute thereafter.

## **Breakfast clubs opening times**

Our breakfast club is open from 08:00 Monday to Friday and children from Acorns & Oaks are welcome to attend. We ask that children arrive by 8:20 at the latest so that they can sit together and share breakfast before moving on to play games. Our charge is £3.50 which includes a healthy breakfast and drink. There is no need to book ahead, and payment can be made directly to our bank account.

## **No toys from home or dressing up outfits**

Please can children be discouraged from bring in toys from home as this can cause an upset when they are put into their bags for safe keeping. Dressing up all in one clothing makes it very difficult for children to manage their toileting and can encourage inappropriate play (super hero's).

## **Donations of socks**

If you have any socks that you can donate that would be great as we have very few spares at preschool.

## **Speaking to member of staff**

If you would like to speak to a member of staff at the end of day please can you wait until the majority of children have been safely collected by their parents. If you would like to speak to your child's key person at drop off please speak to Sharon or Becky on the gate.

### **No parking on the drive unless disabled**

We have disabled parking on the drive and would ask that unless you are disabled you refrain from dropping your child off or collecting them from this area. There is parking in the car park opposite preschool.

### **Label everything!**

To help us identify your child's belongings we ask can you please label their bags, lunch boxes, coats etc.

### **Toilet training**

If you are toilet training, please bring in a named bag with spare clothes, wet wipes and plenty of spare clothes including socks and pants! Please be mindful to put them into clothes that they can manage independently i.e. joggers, leggings etc. We are happy to apply nappy cream, if your child is sore and you request us to, however we ask for a permission slip to be completed. Please check your child's bag daily to ensure wet clothes are removed and nappies etc are replenished.

### **Outside everyday regardless of weather**

Please remember the children have access to outside for the majority of the day. We believe there is no such thing as bad weather just inappropriate clothing.

### **School applications for reception class September 2023**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 you need to apply for a reception school place. You need to apply by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. You can apply online using the link below.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply>