



St George Preschool CIO Newsletter November 2018



Some changes at Preschool

The Preschool has changed its structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The reason for this change is to provide our voluntary Management committee with better financial protection and to have an organisational structure that is more representative of our large Preschool.

We would like to introduce you to Patricia, our newly appointed Early Years Practitioner.

Patricia's previous experience is as a Primary School teacher in Hungary, a childminder and a mum of 2 children. Patricia volunteered in our Acorns room last year and her son attended both the Acorns and Oaks room.



A few reminders

- If your child is accessing their 30 hours funded childcare, please remember to regularly check your codes and update them when needed. Each update only lasts for 3 months. Do not rely on reminders from HMRC as they do not appear to be getting sent out.
- Please have patience at collection times. The safety of the children is our primary concern and we cannot allow them to leave their registration area until the staff member has seen the parent and instructed the child to leave. These are busy times and I'm sure you can appreciate that the staff are doing their best to do their job as efficiently and safely as possible.
- Don't forget to log in to Tapestry to check on your child's learning journey at Preschool and even add some photos and events of your own!
- We prefer that children don't bring home toys in to Preschool as this can lead to losses, upset and jealousy. Home toys should be either taken home by the parent or left in a bag or coat pocket on the coat rack.
- We're running low on trousers again so if your child gets sent home in Preschool clothes, please remember to return them.
- Please remember, if your child is attending an all-day session, you must provide them with a healthy, appropriately sized lunch. Useful information leaflets are available on the table in the Parent's room.

Focus Children

We would like to thank all the parents who are filling out and returning their focus child sheets. We value the knowledge and understanding you have of your child and would love to have forms returned for all the children when it is their focus week.

Don't forget to turn up to your meeting to discuss your child's focus week. This is a great time to discuss your child's time at preschool with your key person. A reminder of meeting times is on the far wall of the parent's room.

Children's Illness

There is a 48-hour exclusion period for children suffering from vomiting and/or diarrhea.

For children absent due to coughs/colds/infections we ask that you do not bring them back to Preschool until you feel they are well enough to cope with their half-day or all-day session. We hope that these measures decrease the risk of spreading infections and illness.

If your child is absent for any reason, please either call, text or email to let us know as it is now Preschool policy to ring home when a child is absent with no explanation. Thank you for your co-operation.

INSET DAYS
FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY
PRESCHOOL RE-OPENS WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY