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## Summer newsletter August/September 2016

Hello to all parents,

We hope you are all having a good summer break and enjoying the sunshine!

Here are a few dates for diaries and information for those children starting with us for the first time.

### Dates for diaries:

Term starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Please note the time change for afternoon sessions (this is to fit in with the new finishing time at St Andrew's School)

our session times are mornings 8.45 - 11.45 and afternoons 12.10 - 3.10.

### First day at preschool



You are welcome to stay and play for as many sessions as you like to ensure your child is settled and happy. If you have any concerns prior your child starting please email [congresburycommunitypreschool@aol.co.uk](mailto:congresburycommunitypreschool@aol.co.uk)

Please can you ensure your child brings a complete change of clothing to every session in case of accidents or messy play mishaps. Weather appropriate coat and wellies are also needed for outdoor play.

If the sunshine continues they will need to bring sun cream and hats.

It is also helpful to have slippers or indoor shoes especially if they are staying all day.

Over the first 2 weeks you will be asked for a convenient time before or after a preschool session to meet your child's key person and go through the registration form to ensure all information is up to date and discuss any questions you may have. We will also be arranging home visits. These are optional, but feedback from previous parents has shown that they are really useful and did benefit their child (and them) by reducing any concerns/anxieties regarding their child starting at preschool.

Every child has a 'wall pocket' with their name on in the lobby area. Newsletters, notices, receipts and other information will be put in these so please take time to check your child's pocket each time they attend.

Also have a look at the display boards you will find lots of information about what goes on at preschool including dates for future events.

If you have any suggestions or questions at any time please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff



If your child is staying for Lunch club they will need to bring a packed lunch. The fees (to cover staffing) are £2.50 per session and need to be paid in advance termly or on the day. Please put the money in an envelope marked lunch club with your child's name and date money is for and post in the lunch club box which will be on the table near the kitchen.

Funding forms will be given out as soon as we receive them from the local education authority (LEA) please fill in and return as soon as possible to enable us to claim the funding for your child.

For those parents paying for sessions, invoices for the term will be sent out the week beginning 12th September via email or post. Please pay within 2 weeks of the invoice date. Our fees are £12.00 per session for 3/4 year olds and £15.00 per session for 2 year olds (Due to higher staff ratios)



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm and will be held at Pre-school.

Congresbury Community Pre-school is a registered charity and we rely on a committee of volunteers in order to keep running. We are members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance and adhere to their constitution. Please find more information by going to <http://www.pre-school.org.uk/> . We need at least 60% of parents that have children attending Pre-school on the committee.

Please come along to this important meeting and show your support, help us to keep Pre-school running for another 25 years!!! Refreshments will be served



We look forward to seeing you all soon