

WELCOME

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed all that wonderful sunshine. The children have had a fun packed month and we have lots more planned for May.

The year is flying by already and thoughts are turning to starting school in September- if you know your child has a place at school please can you let their key worker know.

CHICKS

It's hard to believe that it was only a month ago that we first had the eggs and the incubator from Living Eggs here at St George's. We were all so happy to have them here and see the delight in the children's faces – seeing them hatch and grow.

They are now getting a lot bigger and enjoying being outside at their new home.



After School Club Information for Parents

As many of you already know we have an After School Club here at St. George's. It is open to all children from Primary school age. We offer school collection by minibus from several local schools and bring the children back to St George's for a home-cooked tea and activities.



We would like to make parents aware that spaces for After School Club are not reserved for children currently attending St George's so if you would like your child/ren to attend the After School Club facility please come and fill in an additional enrolment form in the office as early as possible.

Sadly, we have limited amount of spaces in After School Club and if a child starts After School Club in Reception and stay for their entirety of their Primary School life then that space is taken for 7 years.

If you have any further questions about After School Club, please come and see us in the office.

Squirrels



This month Squirrels have continued with their Easter theme. They have been exploring a range of materials through sensory and messy play as well as fun craft activities.

To encourage the children to initiate exploratory skills the staff have been encouraging the

children to use different senses with a range of messy play including materials such as feathers, cornflour and coloured spaghetti.

Squirrels have enjoyed painting their Easter baskets to take home and making rabbit face masks using different textures to make Spring flowers and butterflies.

DIARY DATES

St George's closed - Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Little Dragons finishes	Friday 24 th May
St George's closed -Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th May
May Half Term Holiday Club	Tuesday 28 th -31 st May
Little Dragons back	Monday 3 rd June

HOLIDAY CLUB

We have released dates for May Half Term Holiday Club for school age children from 28th -31st May. If you wish to book a place, please download a form from our website or email [Kate. kate.foulikes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:kate.foulikes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk).

Summer Holiday places will be released at the end of May.



Little Dragons



Little Dragons had a wonderful time visiting The Dairy at the end of last term. They sang songs and chatted to the residents. The children enjoyed hosting their Easter Coffee Morning and raised money for toys and resources.

The children have been getting involved in gardening this term- now the weather is getting warmer and they have been watering their seeds regularly and talking about what plants need to grow. This week they are planting onions, courgettes and tomatoes.

This term's topic is 'farm animals' and 'summer'.

After School Club

The After School Club children have returned after the Easter holidays and the topic this term is 'growing vegetables'. The children will be sowing seeds in our allotment behind the den in the garden. They have also drawn vegetable pictures to be placed in the beds where the tomatoes, carrots, onions and pumpkins will be growing. This will follow on from their healthy eating topic.



STAFF

This month we have said farewell to Abi our Fundraising Manager. We wish her well for her next challenge.

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming Becky King back to St George's. Becky will be coming to take on the role of Fundraising Manager at the beginning of May.



LOVE US...RATE US!

We invite you to rate and write a review about St George's on our Facebook page and Google! Thank you.

Moles



The children have been exploring different resources to thread -developing their hand-to-eye coordination. They have used a variety of utensils extending their enjoyment of filling and emptying- this gives them the opportunity for fine motor skills as well as further practice with hand-to-eye coordination.

Badgers

Badgers have been exploring the themes of Spring and Easter- the children have made some lovely Spring crafts and enjoyed Easter Egg hunts in the garden.

The Easter Bonnet Parade was a great success and the children looked great. We raised over £200! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Some of the children got to visit the dinosaur exhibition in the Royal Victoria Place recently. They loved looking at the different species of dinosaurs and learning all about them.



APRIL PHOTOS

The whole of St George's celebrated St George's Day this month. Children from all the rooms helped to create our dragon in the hallway.



Some of the Badgers went to visit the dinosaurs in town.



Messy play in Moles room

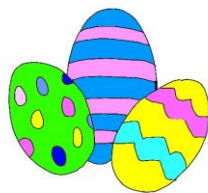


Holiday Club



Holiday Club welcomed Spring with some nature inspired activities. They found and gathered natural materials including plants and flowers to make their own dyes to decorate cloth drawstring bags. The children enjoyed helping in the allotment with the weeding and putting the compost on, they also used trowels and forks to overturn the earth. Holiday Club created a worm farm too and had fun looking for worms to add to their farm. To finish off the holiday club they planned an exciting Easter Egg hunt and made cupcakes.

Fundraising



Fegans kindly donated the eggs for our Easter Egg Tombola and we wanted to thank you for your support as we managed to raise over £100!



Our Quiz night earlier this month was a great success and we managed to raise £710. Thank you to all of the supporters and contributors.

Please remember to bring in suitable clothing for the children as the weather is so changeable at the moment. Many thanks