

**December 2018**

## Welcome

As we reach the end of the term and indeed the year we like to look back at the great year we've had here at St. George's in 2018.

The staff have enjoyed watching the children grow over the past year and see them acquire new skills and continue to develop- it is a joy to see.



The children have been on several trips; they visited Ashurst Place at Easter and at Christmas to sing the residents songs; Little Dragons have gone to see the animals at Pets at Home, had a visit from Zoolab and gone to play in Barnet's Woods. Holiday Club have gone to the Hemley Conversation Centre and the Hop Farm.

We have had a very busy year with Fundraising; with two fairs and numerous members of staff have participated in the events from half marathons to reaching Everest Base Camp to raise funds for St George's.

We've also been very fortunate to have donations from The Screwfix Foundation

together with money from our fundraising to help create a wonderful new Mud Kitchen in the garden.

This year Jess came up with the fantastic idea of having our own Christmas Advent calendar by using the windows of the St George's building. The rooms have been very imaginative and come up with some wonderful creations.



There is lots more fun to look forward to in the new year!

We are very excited about acquiring a new minibus in January 2019. It will be the same size as our current minibus and will also have our new branding added to the exterior.



We are saying goodbye to Karen Stewart in Little Dragons and Sam Hartley from Moles, who will be leaving us in the new year. We wish them both all the best for their new careers.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff, children and parents for being a part of St George's family and to enjoy a wonderful and restful Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Nursery News

### Squirrels



The children in Squirrels have been getting in the Christmas spirit with lots of craft to send home. Their favourite activity has been making gingerbread men. They mixed the ingredients together and waited for them to cool down before decorating.

### Moles



Our last few weeks have been busy with Christmas activities -making calendars for the new year and presents for the children's families. We also met Santa and had lots of festive fun and parties.

### Badgers

The children in Badgers performed their nativity this month at St John's church and did very well singing and remembering their lines. Badgers raised £244 from the raffle and refreshments they held after the performance. It will go towards toys and equipment in 2019.



### Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a great last few weeks of term. The highlight was the Christmas concert and we were so proud of all the children, they sang and danced brilliantly. We have also been out carol singing at Ashurst Place, The Dairy and at Tunbridge Wells Hospital. The Little Dragons staff would like to thank their parents, grandparents and carers for all their support in 2018.





## Afterschool Club



After School Club did a great job decorating our Christmas giving tree earlier this month. They also had their Christmas party with Kaz from Kazamatatz coming to entertain them after their party tea.

## Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas fair. We raised approximately £1,100 which will help go towards our assisted places.



We have two places for the **Vitality 10k** which is on 27 May 2019 in St James' Park, London. It's an iconic route passing landmarks such as the London Eye, Big Ben and St Paul's Cathedral. Whether you're a keen runner or a complete beginner if you would like to take part in one of the country's most popular 10k's whilst raising money for St George's. Please let Abi know on [abi.aftalion@stgeorgeschildcare](mailto:abi.aftalion@stgeorgeschildcare).

Thank you for all your continued support in 2018!

## Christmas Holiday Club

We have spaces in Holiday Club for school age children on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December as well as on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. We are fully booked for Holiday Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## Kitchen

The children always love helping to plant seeds in the allotment during the spring and this year we've had a great crop. We've picked lots of the fruits and vegetables to use in the meals prepared by the kitchen.

We're looking forward to another bumper harvest in 2019!



## Improvement work in Moles

Just a reminder that building work will take place in Moles during the holidays, a skip to be parked in front of the building and a scaffolding installed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause on the day.

## Dates for the diary

Christmas Holiday Club	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Last day of nursery before Christmas	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
St George's closed for Christmas	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec-1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019
St George's reopens	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019
Christmas Holiday Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Little Dragons return for January	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

**If you have any questions about your child's care or St George's in general, then please let us know.**

**Thank you so much for your support, Morgane and the St George's team**

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