

## REMINDERS

Unless there is a sign on the door to say your child's room is in the garden **please** can parents ring the relevant room buzzer when collecting your child.

## SUN HATS AND SUNSCREEN



Now the weather is getting warmer please can you ensure that

your child has a hat and sunscreen with them when they come to nursery, many thanks.

## LITTLE DRAGONS

Please can we remind parents not to arrive too early for drop off and collection in Little Dragons. The morning session ends at 12.00 so parents collecting from this session or dropping off for the afternoon session don't need to arrive until 5 minutes before, many thanks

## 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.

## WELCOME

We are almost half way through the year already and have been enjoying the varied weather this May. Little Dragons were out in the rain making shelters earlier in the month and then some days we've all been outside in t-shirts!



The staff have been updating several items in the garden in readiness for the summer including some new signs and transforming the shed into an ice cream shop.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for the summer months including our Summer Fair and events.

## Parent/carer consultations

These will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June- please see your child's keyworker to make an appointment.

This month a professional photographer came in from Portrait Days and they have a great offer for parents.



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and save 10% on your order**

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back to nursery by placing your  
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date 12th JUNE 2019**

St George's receives 10% of every order made and Matt kindly supports us by taking our staff photos and images for our website.

## DIARY DATES

May Half Term Holiday Club	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May
Little Dragons back	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Parents Evening	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Badgers Sports Day	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
St George's Summer Fair	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Little Dragons last day of term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Holiday Club	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July- Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August

## HOLIDAY CLUB

We are now taking bookings for Summer Holiday Club for school age children. If you wish to book a place, please email Kate.

[kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

## Moles

Moles have been looking at the weather and created pictures of the different seasons using a variety of media, as well as lots of messy play activities including ice, rice, rain clouds and rainbows.



One of the members of staff in Moles is celebrating Ramadan and she has been doing activities with the children including block printing and making a silhouetted building display adorned with moon and stars- the symbols of Ramadan.

## Little Dragons



Little Dragons have been learning about farm animals this term. Some of the children have brought in books about farm animals from home to share with their friends, and others have been eager to share their personal experiences of visiting a farm with the rest of the group.

A trip was arranged to Notcutts too, where some of the older children were able to take

part in a pond dipping activity. The children loved swirling their nets into the pond and pulling it up to the surface to see what they could discover and exploring the mini beast charts to compare their findings with one another.

**STAFF**

We are very pleased to announce we are welcoming Stevie-Leigh Harmer back to St George's as a member of our valued support staff.



**BUGGY**

If anyone has any spare single buggies that they are no longer using please could we have them for the Squirrels room.



**Squirrels**



The Squirrels have enjoyed learning about different modes of transport this month. They have used cars and trains to do some 'mark-making' to see what they could create. They have also explored the ride along toys in the garden.

The childcare team have also read stories about transport and shown the children images of different vehicles.

**After School Club**



The After School Club children have said a big 'thank you' to Evelyn for the wonderful toys she brought with her sponsorship run money. Evelyn, her Mum Julia (who works at St George's) and her aunt took

part in the Run or Dye event at Penshurst Place last year. They ran in the 3 km course in very hot weather and raised over £150.

The children were very excited to watch Evelyn unpack the new toys which included 'How to train your dragon' playmobil and Polly Pocket dolls and accessories.

## MAY PHOTOS

Here are some of the pictures taken by Portrait Days.



## Fundraising

We are happy to announce we are holding our Summer Fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - 10am to 1pm. There will be lots of stalls, games, BBQ, a raffle and refreshments. We will have children's entertainment from Kazzamataz (pictured below) and a magic show by Captain Fantastic.



If you would like to donate a raffle prize, have any unwanted/unused gifts/bottles for the Tombola stall and/or could spare some time to help on a stall on the day, we would be extremely grateful. Any offers of help or ideas for the fair would be greatly appreciated – please pop into the office and see our new Fundraiser, Becky, or email her on [becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk).

We are registered with Easyfundraising, it's a great site where you can help St George's Childcare raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,600 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say, 'thank you!' It's completely free and over £27M has been raised for causes just like ours so far.

The 'Donation Reminder' app helps you remember to use Easyfundraising and activates your donation in just a couple of clicks.

It's VERY simple to install and easy to use:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/DonationReminder/>

**Note for parents with children leaving St George's**



Please can you let your child's keyworker or the office know when your child is leaving St George's this summer.

As per our terms and conditions we require 4 weeks written notice of your child's last day and then we can return any outstanding deposit.

Also please can you ensure that all childcare payments are up to date before your child's last day.

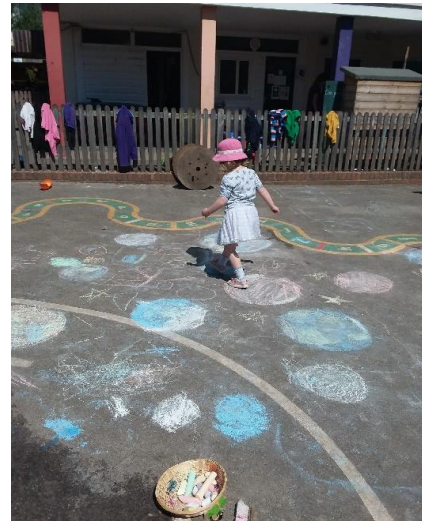
Many thanks

**Badgers**



Badgers and Little Dragons were excited to go on two trips to Notcutts Garden Centre to learn about pond life and take part in pond dipping. They learnt about the pond creatures they caught including newts and dragonflies.

The children had fun looking at the rabbits and birds in the pet section and enjoyed climbing on the equipment in the play area.



Badgers have been learning about Space including recognizing the different planets and the roles of the sun and the moon.

The quiet area has been turned into a rocket and they created their own planets in chalk in the playground.



The annual Badgers Sports Day will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30-11.30am. All the children get involved and would love parents and grandparents to come and cheer them on. Sponsorship forms will be handed out in early June.