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Welcome

We have had another jam-packed month here at St George's and the whole setting has embraced one of our favourite patron Saint days- St George's Day!



The children and some of the staff dressed up and they all looked amazing! The whole team embraced so many fun and exciting 'dragon themed' crafts for the children to enjoy the week leading up to the 23rd April. Check out our St George's Day Facebook post for pictures!

This year is a special one for us as it has been 40 years since St George's Childcare became an independent charity - back then we were St George's Community Children's Project and became St George's Childcare in the Autumn of 2017!

As a setting, we are incredibly proud of all we have achieved in the last 4 decades and our success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our staff, your families and the backing of our Board members.

We look forward to continuing and adding to these achievements in the years to come!

Staff

The Management team wanted to say a **BIG** thank you to the staff who volunteered and came in on a Saturday, to help tidy and spruce up the garden. It looks terrific!

We are very pleased to welcome another couple of new staff members.



Kate W joins us as our Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant. Kate will be working Mondays and Friday afternoons.

Kate Foulkes (Office Manager) will now be working Tuesday-Fridays.



Caz has joined the Kitchen team as Lunchtime Assistant.

COVID 19- protocols

PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AT BACK GATE

- **Squirrel/ Badger and Otters parents:**
-To ease congestion by the back gate, only 2 people can enter at a time
- Please can we have one adult per child at pick up
- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up.
- If you have concerns or wish to share additional details, please can you call the office or email childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk



We understand that occasionally parents will be late, however, if you are habitually late to

collect your child after their session has ended, then we will charge you £20 per every 15 minutes past the end of the session as per our terms and conditions.

Request for spare clothes

If you have any spare clothes for children aged 3 years and up, we would be appreciate any donations. Many thanks



Reminder: As the weather starts to get warmer, please can you apply sun cream

before bringing you child to nursery.

Please can you also provide a named bottle of sun cream that we will able to reapply during the day.

ST GEORGE'S SPRING RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Raffle - we raised a total of **£726**. All profits will be going to the refurbishment of the Den in the garden, which will benefit all the children that come to St George's. The raffle was drawn on Friday 23rd April by our Chairman, Ady Crouch, and the winning raffle numbers were: -

1st Prize - £75 Cash Number 92

2nd Prize - Luxury Hamper Number 421

3rd Prize - Gin, Fizz & Wine Goodies Number 53

4th Prize - Pamper Time Basket Number 154

5th Prize - Children's Books & Toys Bundle Number 299

6th Prize - Chocolate Lovers Hamper Number 371

7th Prize - £25 Chatfield Butchers Voucher Number 369

Summer Fair

All being well, we are still hoping that our Summer Fair will be able to take place on **Saturday 10th July from 12pm - 2pm**. Please save the date and if you can start collecting bottles for the tombola stall, raffle prizes etc we would be extremely grateful - we won't accept them into nursery just yet, as we are waiting for the next government announcement on May 17th to find out if we can definitely hold this event. Becky would love to hear from any parents who would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact her on becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk



Tesco have a new Community Grants scheme, if you could nominate St George's via the link below, we would be very grateful.

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

Holiday Club



Holiday Club had fun week in their last week. They went on trips to local parks, where we played by the river and climbed the trees.

We celebrated Holi, ancient Hindu festival to welcome Spring.

We also had an ice cream party, as a parent kindly donated ice cream, cones and sprinkles for us to enjoy on our last day.

May Half term is just around the corner and we have many more exciting activities planned. Please email kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk for a booking form.

Diary Dates



May Bank Holiday- CLOSED	Monday 3 rd May
Little Dragons last day	Friday 28 th May
May Bank Holiday- CLOSED	Monday 31 st May
Holiday Club	Tuesday 1 st - Friday 4 th June
Little Dragons return	Monday 7 th June
Healthy Eating Week	14 th -18 th June

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<https://g.page/StGeorgesChildcare/review>

https://business.facebook.com/pg/StGeorgesChildcare/reviews/?ref=page_internal

[St George's Childcare, 7 Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9LP \(daynurseryseries.co.uk\)](https://www.stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

Facebook



Visit St George's Facebook page to see the fun activities that the children and staff enjoy!

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels



Squirrels have enjoyed experiencing lots of different messy play activities this month. They have made various messy play areas using lentils, oats, paint and shaving foam. The staff have loved seeing the children gain confidence as they explore new sensory play.

For St George's Day, the Squirrels team made a giant green dragon display and pinata. All the children and staff had a great time dressing up.

Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have enjoyed exploring their theme 'Insects'. The children have enjoyed making ladybirds using their feet, bumble bees using paint and a potato masher and caterpillars using paper plates. They are waiting for their caterpillars to turn into butterflies which we can then release in our garden, the children are very excited and eager to see their changes each day!

This month in Hedgehogs we also celebrated Earth Day where the children enjoyed making their own planet earths by painting paper plates.

Hedgehogs also had a great day celebrating St Georges Day, the children enjoyed making shields, armour and flags. They loved having lots of red and white messy play and their party tea in the garden!



After School Club

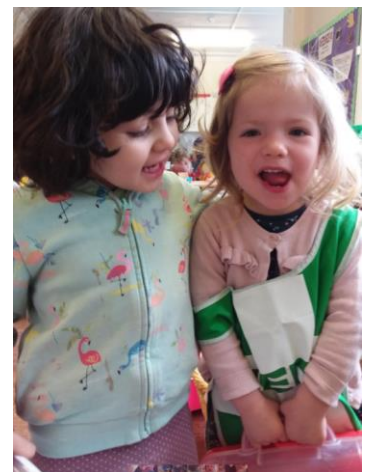
After School Club have only been back a few weeks after the Easter break and the team loved hearing about what the children got up in the Easter Holidays.

The team are continuing with their planting theme and the children are always eager to see the progress of their seedlings.

The children have made some beautiful pictures of Spring flowers and added them to their display board.



Moles



This month, Moles have been learning about 'People who help us'. They have been excited to make fire engines, police cars, ambulances and a tray for farmers - as well as talking about their Mummies and Daddies who they also said help them!

The Moles children have really enjoyed a week of fun and creative activities in the run up to St George's Day- look out for pictures on our Facebook page.

We have also managed to set up our sensory room and bought lots of lovely things for the room with all the donations.

Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a lovely start to the Summer term with a trip to Hurst Woods. This term we will be learning about Summer and people who help us. They have started this topic by setting up our very own hospital this week and the children have enjoyed taking it in turns to be doctors, nurses and patients.

After digging our allotment and planting some seeds before the Easter holidays, they were really excited to see some radishes coming through in our vegetable patch. They have now planted courgettes, tomatoes and a pumpkin, as well as lots of flowers. They will carry on weeding and watering regularly. Lynn has organised the forest school area in the garden and we have had story time outside this week. The children were also very excited to see that the frog spawn has now turned into tadpoles. They have been reading books on life cycles and will soon have some caterpillars to look after.

For St George's Day, we have been making flags and puppets and have been celebrating with a traditional street party lunch, dressing in red and white and acting out our own version of 'I'm Going on a Dragon Hunt'.



Otters

Otters have been looking at Spring and enjoyed two trips to the park to look at new life growing. We have been celebrating St George's Day with craft, dressing up and learning about the history of St George and the dragon.

In May, we will be planting vegetables in the allotment and the Otters will be learning how to take care of them. When fully grown, the children will deliver them to the ladies in the kitchen, who will use them for the children's lunches.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to Otters' Easter raffle. We have used the money raised to buy lots of role play resources!

SAVE THE DATE! Otters Summer Social - 17th July 2021, 12pm - 2pm at St John's Park. More details to follow!



Badgers



Badgers have had a very busy month this month. They had great fun at Easter having Easter egg hunts in the garden. They had a visit from Fred the Tortoise who was very cute and loves banana.

They have enjoyed spending lots of time in the garden now the weather is warmer and even got the fire pit out to roast some marshmallows. The children have been watching the tadpoles in the allotment and seeing how they are growing. Our Spring scavenger hunt is under way and parents should have received their sponsor forms to fill out. They are excited to see pictures of all the things you spot.

Badgers have got a lava lamp for their cosy room and the children have been really interested in lava and volcanoes. The room celebrated St George's day by making swords and shields and recreating the story of St George.

Early next month the room should be expecting some caterpillar larvae to arrive and the children are eager to watch them develop into butterflies.

And on May 4th we will be celebrating Star Wars day!!