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Welcome

Another busy month has passed here at St George's and we are happy to share with you what we have been up to in this month's newsletter.

Each month we are excited to collate and share the activities that the rooms have done, as well as give you all useful information about events, staff updates and changes to our day-today.

As you will know from the emails over the past few weeks, we are opening up the setting to allow parents back into the setting for drop off and pick up.

We really appreciate all your support over the coming weeks of September as we all get used to more people in the setting. Please continue to wear masks and socially distance as much as possible whilst inside.

We are looking forward to welcoming new families to St George's from September both in our preschool, Little Dragons and nursery rooms.



We also want to wish all those children who have left Badgers, Otters and Little Dragons, a happy and easy transition to their new Primary schools.

Fundraising

We know how disappointed everybody was that our Summer Fair had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 government restrictions not being lifted, as we had hoped. However, we still went ahead with the Raffle which raised an amazing £1,256, and all profits will go towards buying new toys and equipment for the children - thank you everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets, we are extremely grateful.

COVID 19- protocols

PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AT BACK GATE

- Parents are able to come into the setting for drop off and pick up from 1st September.
- Please can we have one adult per child at pick up and drop off.
- 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



The ParentZone app is a great tool that helps you see what your child/ren get up to during the day. Your child's keyworker will post 'moments' throughout the week and they would love to hear your feedback, as you are able to comment on the posts.

If you need access to ParentZone please contact the office and we can set up this up for you.

October Holiday Club

Bookings for October Holiday Club will be open from 8th September.

Please email kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk for a booking form

Congratulations



Congratulations to Steph who is our longest serving member of staff!

This month she celebrated her 27th year working at St George's.

The children in Hedgehogs made sure she had a wonderful day and everyone at St George's thanks Steph for all her hard work and loyalty over the years!

New Staff

As St George's has expanded so has our team and we are excited to welcome the following new staff.

- Claire in Little Dragons
- Lucy A in Squirrels
- Molly, Darci and Lucy B in Hedgehogs
- Debbie L and Lucy K in Moles

Staff leaving

We are sad to say goodbye to Eloise from Squirrels, Ellie R in Hedgehogs and Ciara in Moles. They are all heading off to University in September and we wish them well and thank them for all their hard work.

We also say thank you and goodbye to Phoebe and Jess from Holiday Club. Phoebe has trained as a teacher and is starting a new role at a school in London and Jess is returning to university for her second year.

Staff training

Earlier this month some of our staff attended a Makaton training workshop run by The Education People. Makaton is a form of communication that uses signs and speech and is useful when teaching and encouraging children to communicate. They learnt a number of signs such as food, songs, animals, objects and directions.



Diary Dates

Parents allowed back in setting	Wednesday 1 st September
Little Dragons first day back	Monday 6 th September
Little Dragons last day	Friday 22 nd October
Holiday Club starts	Monday 25 th - 28 th October
Little Dragons back	Monday 1 st November

Please review us

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daynurseries.co.uk

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

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Facebook



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

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels



This month Squirrels have enjoyed various activities including learning to drive at their driving school and lots of water play in their new bouncy castle and paddling pool on the warm days.

Squirrels have sadly said goodbye to some of their friends this month as they moved up to Hedgehogs and Moles but have welcomed lots of new squirrels too nursery which we all look forward to getting to know.

Hedgehogs

This month hedgehogs have been exploring the theme 'Transport'. The children enjoyed using different forms of transport to make marks in paint, they also loved using lots of different textures in the messy play to see how different textures make different marks.

The children have had lots of fun driving on a road map that the staff made, weaving and manoeuvring in-between cones.

They also liked making a very big hot air balloon which now hangs from the ceiling for all of the children to see!

This month we have said goodbye to children moving to Moles who we hope will have lots of fun in their new room!



Little Dragons

The Little Dragons staff are really looking forward to meeting and welcoming back the children on 6th September.

Alison has taken over Sarah's role as the new Little Dragons Manager and along with Lynn, Paola, Niki and the new member of staff Claire who is covering Laura whilst she is on maternity leave.

The staff are keen to meet the new Little Dragons children and hear all about the fun everyone has had over the summer.



Moles



This month Moles have been learning about the world and where we live. They've helped make a map and flags to go on the display board.

They've been getting very creative, decorating canvases for the nursery and making big weather pictures to stick up on the walls around their room. They have been learning about the different types of weather.

Moles have also welcomed new children into the room who have moved up from Squirrels and Hedgehogs.

Holiday Club

Holiday club have had a blast over the summer holidays. On hot days they have enjoyed water balloon fights and had a 'Holiday Club Olympics'. They have learnt about fire safety and roasting marshmallows on our fire pit.

On colder days they have created their own cinema with popcorn. We have had several new children who haven't attended holiday club before so lots of new friendships have been forged.

They have gone on outings to the park and shown off their scooter and climbing skills as well as being creative by making junk model robots and making endless loom bands

The staff hope they all have a great new start to their new academic year in September and look forward to seeing them again soon.



Otters

The Otters have enjoyed following the topics of holidays and how we travel to get there. They have had fun 'flying' our paper aeroplanes. In the garden, sailing their paper boats and guessing if they would sink or float.

The children have harvested some of the vegetables from the allotment and tried them with their lunch- the turnip went down very well!

The children also have been watering the plants and tomatoes and can't wait for them to turn red.

In September, Otters will be looking at their topic of 'Under the Sea' and look forward to seeing the children's holiday photos.



Badgers



This month the children have really enjoyed watching and acting out the Olympics! They took part in weightlifting, gymnastics, running and bike races and made posters and flags to cheer on team GB!

We have said goodbye to more of our school leavers and had parties to send them off. In their wake, we have had some new friends join us from moles and they are getting used to the new routine, toys and friends to play with. The children have shown a real interest in monsters recently and we have learnt about vampire bats and drawn pictures and made masks of various monsters.

We have done a lot of cooking this month and have made, cupcakes, apple pies, crumble, carrot cake, chocolate mousse, banana pancakes, rice crispy cakes and have tested out our new blender by making banana smoothie and apple mousse.

We have also had great fun with the soft play stuff out in the garden!