



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## IMPORTANT REMINDER

- Please can you contact St George's over the Christmas period should your child/ children test positive for COVID. Email [info@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:info@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)
- Please do not attend the setting if you or anyone in your family has had a COVID test and are waiting for a result. Wait until you have a negative result before you return to the setting.

## NEWS/ INFORMATION

- Please continue to socially distance at drop off and pick up.
- Please can we have one adult per child at pick up
- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up.
- Please be mindful of other parents waiting to drop off/ collect their child- if you have concerns or wish to share additional details please can you call the office or email [childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

### Children moving rooms

- In January we are aiming to provide parents with videos of the room your child is moving up to, along with pictures and information about the staff.

### St George's Annual Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has completed our questionnaire, we have had an overwhelming response. We really appreciate your kind comments.

We are looking into how to implement suggestions and continue to improve upon our great service.

## Welcome

We are now at the end of a year that no-one could have expected 12 months ago. It has been a difficult year for everyone, as we have all experienced the pandemic in different ways.

St George's has continued to provide childcare throughout this trying year, and we could not have done this without our wonderful team of Childcare Practitioners, Childcare Assistants, Catering team, Managers, Admin and Bank staff.

We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team who have helped implement the changes needed when we reopened on a wider level in June. There have been so many things that had to change but the level of care did not; the staff found new and creative ways to engage the children and put them at ease.

The laughter and giggles have continued throughout the year and the children have shown their resilience, whilst continuing to grow and learn and we could not be prouder of them!

We have found the parents and supporters of St George's to be incredibly generous when we have asked for help fundraising in the summer and the amount of Christmas gifts for staff this year has been staggering!

We look forward to a new year and hope that all the St George's children, their families and our fantastic staff, have a safe and restful Christmas break.

Many thanks- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

St George's Team

# Fundraising

Thank you for being so kind and generous this year regarding sponsored challenges and donations - we are extremely grateful for your kindness, generosity and support, which has been truly wonderful!!

We have so missed not being able to hold a Summer or Christmas Fair this year, as well as other planned fundraising events that had to be cancelled. Let's hope next year things will return to some sort of normal, and we will be able to welcome everyone back to socialise and take part in events.

## Captain Fantastic



We have had to improvise a bit organising the Christmas entertainment but come up top trumps with the help of Father Christmas and Captain Fantastic via Zoom!



The children have had a great time watching Captain Fantastic's magic shows and seeing their smiles and hearing their laughter is what it is all about!

## Diary Dates



Little Dragons finish for Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
St George's closes for Christmas	1pm Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December
Little Dragons return after Christmas	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Review Us



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



## After School Club

The After School Club children have enjoyed designing and making posters for the St George's window advent calendar(see below).

They also have new toys to enjoy , including PS4 game, counting football, swerve balls, dolls head and role play make-up bag.

The ASC re-useable box advent calendar is out again- filled with a chocolate coins for each child- a big treat!



## Holiday Club

In Christmas Holiday Club we have been making lots of Christmas crafts, we made some colourful baubles with acrylic paint and snow globes- to hang on their trees at home.

They also learnt to do fluid art, which you can see in our pictures and we will be hanging our artwork in the hallway at St George's.



# Squirrels



Squirrels have had a busy month having lots of Christmas fun. They created a Father Christmas and chimney place for the Advent window displays.

Paige dressed up as Father Christmas to surprise the children and give them presents.

# Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have had fun preparing for Christmas. They have enjoyed decorating Hedgehogs' first Christmas tree with tinsel, baubles and lights. They even made their very own baubles with salt dough for their trees at home.

The children have been creating lots of Christmas craft including sticking and using their painted feet to make snowman.

Hedgehogs have also had a surprise visit from Father Christmas, they loved meeting him and receiving their gifts.



# Moles

## Kitchen



Thank you to the Kitchen team for all their hard work this year.

They are an integral part of the setting and provide wonderful, healthy meals for the nursery children each day.

Christmas lunch is a favourite time for the whole setting as all the children and the staff get to share a meal all together.



At the beginning of December, some of the Moles children and staff took a walk to the park to feed the ducks. The children loved feeding the ducks peas and sweetcorn and the seagulls liked them too!

Moles have spent the month making lots of bits for Christmas, including clay shapes & window advent calendar pictures. We have also made sensory trays with winter scenes.

They have also been in charge of the hallway display Board this month and made some colour and glittery Christmas trees.

# Little Dragons



Little Dragons have had a wonderful few weeks; making Christmas decorations and the Little Dragons room looked wonderful. Captain Fantastic visited us via Zoom three times during the last week of term so all the children were able to enjoy his magic show. Christmas lunch was delicious, and we had a fabulous Christmas party. Little Dragons even had a visit from Father Christmas. The children also did some lovely daily performances of their Christmas concert songs.

Even though we have not been able to celebrate this time of year in the way we would have hoped, the Little Dragons staff cannot be prouder of the way the children have quickly adapted to the new way of doing things. We also want to thank our fabulous parents for their patience and support over the last few months, your kind words are greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to 2021 and welcoming some new children into Little Dragons.

## Otters



It has been a busy December with lots of fun Christmas activities from decorations, making mince pies, hunting for candy canes in the garden and reindeer hoopla.

The children have enjoyed our party week, singing songs for the parents, watching Captain Fantastic, seeing Father Christmas on the computer and receiving presents he sent.

Otters theme for the new term will be 'Winter' and 'arctic animals and we all look forward to exploring these topics together.

Merry Christmas to all the Otters children, parents and carers and a Happy New Year!



## Badgers



Christmas was in full swing, we had loads of fun practicing for our Christmas music video, learning the words, filming the scenes and driving Esther crazy! The video is on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare/>

We have done loads of Christmas cooking, making gingerbread men, mince pies, biscuits and having a cheese tasting session. We have danced to Christmas music and enjoyed dressing up in Christmas jumpers to watch captain fantastic do a magic show and have Christmas dinner and a party tea.

We have made loads of Christmas decorations to go home and made advent calendar numbered pictures for the front of the building.

The children enjoyed opening our advent calendar every day and counting down to Christmas!

Santa could not visit us this year, so he sent us a Christmas message instead and a sack of presents .

The children have enjoyed their time despite the tumultuous several months and we hope they remember this for years to come.