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Welcome

We cannot believe how quickly this year has come and gone! Everyone has done incredibly well having had to endure a second year of changes, lockdowns and upheaval. All the children, parents and carers all deserve an ENORMOUS round of applause!

Despite the upheaval, some things at St George's continue as normal; the children are learning new things, enjoying playing outside and jumping in puddles, they continue to play and giggle and to create artistic masterpieces for you to enjoy at home!

We are so proud of how well the children have coped and their smiley faces have kept us all going.

We also have to say a **HUGE** thank you to our staff for all their continued hard work this year. St George's would not be anything without the commitment of the childcare, kitchen, management, administrative and cleaning staff.

We want to wish you all a restful and relaxing festive period and look forward to a fantastic New Year!



Staff

We have said goodbye to Lucy Barnes and Becky King, our Fundraising Manager. We wish them well for the future.

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

Please **DON'T** hold the door open for others

We know it seems rude but please don't hold the door open for other people entering the building.

This is a safeguarding issue and everyone needs to gain their own access into the setting.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December. We were so lucky that the weather stayed fine and so many of our wonderful children, parents, staff and supporters came along on the day. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped in the lead up to the fair with wrapping prizes, setting up on the day, helping on a stall and clearing away at the end. We would also like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes, tombola prizes and bought raffle tickets. A fabulous £4,000 was raised by the fair, which is amazing, and all profits will go towards supporting vulnerable children with low-cost and free childcare on our Assisted Childcare Places Scheme, as well as providing new equipment, toys and books for all the children at St George's to enjoy.



We were so pleased to be able to go ahead with the fair as this was our first event for 2 years, due to COVID-19 restrictions, and many of our newer parents had not been to an event at St George's before. Let's hope that next year we will be able to put on further events, if it's safe to do so, as we have so missed not being able to socialise with everyone.

Goodbye From Becky



Becky, our Fundraising Manager, has sadly now left her role at St George's and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic support. She has really enjoyed her time working at the nursery and getting to know so many of our parents and children, as well as the wonderful staff. She will really miss seeing everyone, particularly the children, but will continue to support St George's events on a voluntary basis.

Diary Dates



St George's closes	1pm Friday 24 th December
St George's Nursery rooms reopen	7.30am Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Little Dragons return	Monday 10 th January

Funding forms to sign for Badgers, Otters and Little Dragons

Please can you come and sign for your 15 and 30 hours funding ready for the new January 2022 term. Otherwise, you will miss out on the funding.

Many thanks

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Squirrels



This month Squirrels have been busy getting ready to celebrate Christmas. We have been decorating our felt Christmas tree, making cards and baubles and doing lots of Christmas messy play.

We have spent a lot of time in the garden, no matter the weather. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New year.

Merry Christmas from Squirrels!

Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have been exploring their themes Winter and Christmas. The children have enjoyed lots of Christmas themed messy play using red, green and white feathers, glitter and tinsel. They've also had fun putting up their Christmas tree, the children attached baubles, lights and the star which they now love to look at in the dark. We have been learning Christmas songs including 'Christmas Pudding' and 'When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney', continuing on from the songs, the children decorated their very own fireplace with stockings using paints and tissue paper. In the new year, we look forward to exploring our new theme, winter animals.



After School Club

The children have enjoyed making Christmas decorations, cards and opening their advent calendars full of chocolate coins.

They had a wonderful Christmas dinner, so we wanted to say a BIG thank you to the kitchen team.

In the last week of term, the children have had fun playing a variety of games including, guess how many chocolates in the jar and watching a movie with marshmallows.

The team wishes you a very Merry Christmas!



Moles



Moles have had a very festive month this month!

We started off by making plenty of Christmas related crafts including Christmas trees, stockings, wreaths & salt dough tree decorations.

We have decorated our room with lots of tinsel and of course our Christmas Tree with baubles.

We have also enjoyed our Christmas lunch and party tea thanks to the kitchen.

Moles have also started to talk about the cold weather, and have made snowflakes and snowmen crafts for a Winter display.

Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a very busy month full of festive fun, craft and activity.

We have been thinking about wintertime and the changes in nature that happen around us, the children loved finding ice and frost outside and testing their theories on what will happen to the ice we took indoors.

The children have baked, decorated and eaten some delicious gingerbread men, been creative with the obligatory glitter and sparkles making decorations to bring home and been the most enthusiastic singers!

We were all very sad not to be able to perform our nativity but hope that everyone enjoyed the marvellous week of singing.

The highlight this week has been the party of course, with entertainment from Captain Fantastic, a tantalising feast from the kitchen at St George's and a surprise visit from Father Christmas!



Otters

Otters have had fun celebrating Christmas all this month! We have been doing lots of arts and crafts - making advent calendar pictures, stockings and snowmen. We have made Christmas tree crispy cakes and icing Christmas cupcakes.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Nativity play and are very grateful to all who donated and came along - a fantastic £147 was raised and we were very proud of how well all the children did! We also raised £113 at our annual St George's Christmas Fair!

Some of the children went Ice Skating and had a great time, trying their hand at skating and enjoying yummy hot chocolates! Thank you to TWBC for donating the tickets!

To round all our Christmas fun off, we had a brilliant Christmas Party - Captain Fantastic was very entertaining and we had a Christmas Disco and yummy party tea - thank you to the kitchen staff for providing it!



Badgers



Badgers have been busy practising for our Christmas concert this month! They have been rehearsing their songs and they have really been looking forward to it.

The children have made lots of Christmas crafts including decorating the tree and messy play with ice whilst talking about Jack Frost.

We all really enjoyed the ice skating! Everyone had a go and hardly anyone fell over!

The Christmas party was a huge success and we had a lovely end of term yoga session where we decorated a Christmas tree. The children also enjoyed the Christmas roast for lunch. So many Christmassy things!