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## Welcome



Belated Happy New Year! The first month of 2022 has flown by already! At the beginning of the month, the staff loved hearing all about the fun the children had over the Christmas/New Year break.

All our wonderful extracurricular activities have restarted and the rooms are enjoying music sessions and the older children having yoga and forest school each week.

The teams have had their planning hats on and are coming up with fantastic ideas for the year ahead. We will keep you updated about all we have going on!

This month the setting has had fun getting ready for Chinese New Year and 2022!



## Staff

We welcome Alicia, a childcare practitioner, in Moles room from February.

## COVID 19- protocols

### **PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AT BACK GATE**

- Please can we have one adult per child at pick up and drop off.
- We ask that you continue to wear masks 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](mailto:childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

## Parents Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who answered our Parent's Questionnaire towards the end of last year. We will be forwarding parents feedback in the coming weeks.

## 30 hours code for Funding

Please don't forget to renew your code. The HMRC will email you to remind you even though you do get a grace period.

## Car Park

Please be careful not to let your children run around in the car park. The car park is in constant use by parents and delivery drivers.

## Moving rooms

When a key person thinks one of their nursery children is ready to move on to the next room, they will talk to the parents and the leader of the room they may move to. The child will have settling in visits and if they are struggling the moving on date will change. We only move a child when they have had a chance to settle and they are ready, and when we have the sessions free. If a child cannot move the key person will carry on and ensure age-appropriate activities are available something they do all the time. As we charge by age, you will see a change to your invoice from your child's birthday.

## Medication

If your child has had any medication prior to coming into nursery, we MUST be informed of this so we can ask you to complete a medication form, as per our policies.

## Recognition

Each of the rooms have different ways and styles for rewarding children, depending on their ages. Badgers now have a new recognition award. It is a small award to recognise the children's efforts and will be awarded whenever such efforts are noticed.



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## Diary Dates



Little Dragons end of term	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Holiday Club	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Little Dragons returns	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February

## Donations

If you are having a New Year clear out, we would gladly welcome

- Any pots and pans for the mud kitchen
- Storage boxes
- Play kitchen accessories
- Textiles
- Dressing up
- Junk modelling
- Old magazines
- Shells, stones, corks etc
- Spare clothes

## Please review us

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## Facebook



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## Squirrels



This month Squirrels have been learning about the jungle animals. We have been watching "Our planet jungles". The staff have been asking the children what animals they can see. The children have then painted the animals that have been in the video. We have used different textures to make the animals. The staff have coloured tapioca pearls and spaghetti pasta to make monkeys and snakes. The children have also used paint and fluorescent sand to make some flowers, tigers and elephants. We made some parrots using feathers. We have lots more to make, and will set up jungle themed messy play every day.

## Hedgehogs

The children enjoyed talking about New Year's Eve and they made pictures of fireworks using paint and glitter.

Hedgehogs are exploring the theme of 'Winter animals', the children have stuck cotton wool to polar bears and making penguins using different shapes.

The team put together a messy play tray of toy winter animals and icy items.

The new children in Hedgehogs have settled in well and the team are sad to say goodbye to those who are moving up to Moles room.



## After School Club

The After School Club children are back for an exciting New Year with lots of ideas for games and topic crafts.

Our 'Points win prizes' last term were given out to an individual with the most points, as well as the school with the most points. It went to St Peter's School- well done!

The children have been having fun making and drawing Winter clothes and animals.



## Moles



Moles were very excited to be back after the Christmas break. We kicked things off in the new year by talking about our Christmas presents & festivities, before moving on to talking about New year's, we made firework rockets and stars and talked about our New Year's resolutions. We are now planning and preparing for Chinese New year.



# Little Dragons

Little Dragons have enjoyed being back after the Christmas break, full of news about the family and friends they saw and lots of visits from Santa!

The children were excited to have new toys here to play with, that were purchased with our fundraising money, so thank you again for your generosity. They now have a multi tunnel tent and new toys babies to play with.

Our new topics are animal habitats in Winter and favourite toys and games.

The children are looking forward to having their grown ups in next week to visit the Little Dragons Chinese Restaurant for Chinese New Year!



# Otters

Otters have been exploring the topics of Winter and Arctic Animals. We have had lots of crafts and tuft tray activities. We enjoyed creating an Igloo den inside and pretended it had snowed outside using polystyrene! The children have made snowmen, snowflakes, snowy owls and a snowy tree for their display boards. We had a "Frozen" inspired day where the children had fun playing with an ice castle, created using loose parts!

We purchased new Maths resources using money raised from the Christmas Fair and our Nativity - thank you very much to everyone who contributed! The children have already had great fun exploring the new toys!

In February we will be looking at Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and the Otters Winter Olympics - watch this space!



# Badgers



Thank you to everyone for your very kind and thoughtful Christmas gifts, we very much appreciate them.

Badger's fun is in full swing and we have resumed Musical bumps is every alternate Wednesday and yoga is alternate Thursdays.

This month we will be taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch and the children have been learning about different birds and making bird feeders to entice the birds to appear 28th-30th January.

We have a student joining us during regular term times. Maddy will be with us Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-3pm and is a welcome addition to the team.