



## REMINDER:

**Masks need to be worn from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at drop off and pick up**

## Welcome

As we start the summer in a different way than we would have anticipated at the start of the year, we wanted to say thank you to everyone who has sent lovely emails and kind words.

As you know from our email last week, our friend and colleague, Karen Terry passed away after a long illness. If you wish to donate, her family have asked for any donations to be made to [www.bloodcancer.org.uk](http://www.bloodcancer.org.uk) using the reference 1721374 and her name.

It has been a difficult time for the staff team over the past few months and we are very proud of the way they are coping. Your encouraging thoughts and comments have really helped.

### FUNDING -Little Dragons, Badger and Otter parents

All parental declaration forms are now ready for signing for the Autumn term. The cut-off date to apply for 30 hours funding is 31<sup>st</sup> August -if you are new to the scheme.

## Office staff



Nenita – our Acting Childcare Manager is in the afternoons on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Kym – our Specialist Childcare Professional and Childcare Manager is in on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.



Teresa, one of our Childcare Manager is in on Wednesdays.



Kate -our Operations and Communications Co-ordinator will be in Monday and Tuesday afternoons and working from home the rest of the week.



Morgane – the Business Manager will be in Tuesday and Thursday mornings and working from home the rest of the week.

## NEWS/ INFORMATION

- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up
- We are still separating the entrances for the rooms and hand sanitiser units at the main door and back gate.
- Please adhere to social distancing at the entrances
- We are asking parents not to come into the office- instead asking them to call or email [info@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:info@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

**New Rooms** -We are pleased to say the new rooms are now fully open. We have more places available so please enquire.

### **Hedgehogs**



### **Otters**



### **Badgers**



## THANK YOU EVERYONE!

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all our parents, children, staff and supporters for raising almost £7,500 since the beginning of April to help us keep going during this extremely difficult time. This fabulous amount has been raised by families taking on sponsored events, individual donations, a quiz and our Facebook Campaign.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who has kindly donated and especially those families who have taken on a challenge and given up their time, energy and in some cases sleep!

Thank you again to the local businesses that have donated and to Stampede, who have donated vouchers from their shop.

A big shout out to the following families who we know have either taken on a challenge and/or donated directly to us - The Kempster's, The Frost's, The Foulkes', The Reese's, The Giannangeli's, The Quartermaine's, The Glew's, The Hawkin's, The King's, The Russell's and The Botley's and to everyone else who has donated - sorry if we don't have everyone's names.

As you know, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic St George's has remained open, initially to care for the children of key workers and vulnerable children, and since 1st June to care for all our children that are to



able to return.

Our income has been drastically reduced and therefore we are truly grateful to everyone for pulling together and supporting us which will help to keep us going until things return to normal.

## Diary Dates



**Extra dates added for Holiday Club-**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Summer Holiday Club	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July- Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
St George's is closed	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Little Dragons return	Monday 7th September
Invoices resume for bookings	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
After School Club	We are waiting for additional guidance

# Holiday Club \*Extra dates added- September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>\*

We were all very excited to be returning to Holiday Club this year. We have lots planned for the summer. So far, we have had fun working as a team, building obstacle courses to cross river holiday club, painting different animals with our elbows and noses, doing some gardening looking after our tomato plants and creating wonderful costumes in rubbish fashion.

This week our theme is Harry Potter. We have been making floating candles, designing our own house crests and making platform 9 ¾ to transform our room.

On Friday we will be having a party to celebrate Harry Potters birthday, we will be playing pin the scar on harry and lots of other party games.

This summer we will also be holding our own sports day and showing off our talents at the talent show. We will also be getting creative with bracelet making, box challenge and tie dye.



# Squirrels

This month in Squirrels, we have been doing lots of different crafts.

We have made paper plate monsters, a big earth and lots more.

We have used a variety of materials such as paper, paints, tissue paper and glue. This has allowed us to explore different textures.



# Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have begun visiting their room more recently and have really enjoyed spending time up there.

We have also visited the new Hedgehogs allotment and picked our first vegetables which we then had for tea.

The Hedgehogs team are so excited to open their new room and see all the children on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August.



# Moles

## Kitchen

Sherrell, Julie and Teresa have been working hard in the kitchen.

The new Summer menu is now on our website.

Little Dragons harvested some courgettes from the allotment this month and gave them to the kitchen to make courgette cake!



Moles have had a busy month of settling the children back into nursery and had lots of fun both in the garden and in their new room. They really enjoy their new home corner.

The children were excited to pick onions from the allotment and have danced up a storm with bubble parties.

They have enjoyed lots of craft activities too, with paint, glue and glitter.

# Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a wonderful end to the term.

The children have enjoyed spending time in the allotment and have been particularly interested in the bugs they found there. This led to reading, researching, and then making bugs.

As we could not have our usual sports day the Little Dragons children competed in 'Sports Week'. Although they were quite competitive, we were so proud of their sportsmanship as they cheered on their friends.

The Little Dragons staff want to wish all the 2020 Leavers lots of luck and happiness in their new schools and we look forward to seeing more children back in September.



# Otters

This month we have loved welcoming back more children to Otters and getting stuck into our 'Favourite Book' topic, chosen from the children's interest in the book 'Three Little Pigs'.

We have also looked at 'The very hungry Caterpillar' books and done lots of crafts, tried new fruits and vegetables and had stick puppet story time.

For the book 'We're going on a Bear hunt', we had a game of hide and seek with the Bear and played a silly underpants game to tie into the book 'Aliens love underpants'.

We will be carrying on this topic with traditional stories in August as the children have enjoyed it so much.



# Badgers

The children have been looking at the body. We used our Simon the skeleton model to look at the bones and organs and how our joints moved. We made body maps and x-ray pictures of our hands and played a game of snap to match the body parts. We also learnt a skeleton song and dance. We had a nail painting and henna party as the children showed interest in the painted nails and tattoos of the adults.

Also, the lettuce in our allotment has grown nicely so we took some down to the kitchen so they could prepare it for our tea.

There has been much discussion of going to school and our upcoming leavers party (Wednesday the 5th august, 3:30-5:00) and to prepare we are asking the children to raise their hands at carpet time and have looked at learning the days of the week and months of the year to count down until school starts.

