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Welcome

We've had a Summer of Sport already with the Euros 2020, Wimbledon and all our preschool rooms have now had their turn with their Sports days! They were each a great success and its always such fun time seeing the children work together in teams and strive towards a common goal. We hope you enjoyed seeing the pictures on ParentZone and Facebook.



The Summer of Sport continues with the Olympics 2020 and the older children are very intrigued by it all- who knows if it will inspire a future Olympian one day?!

We are saying goodbye to many of our Little Dragons, Badgers and Otters children who are heading off to Primary School in September.

It has been an absolute pleasure to

watch you grow over the past few years and we are so excited for the new adventures that lie ahead for you all.



The staff would like to thank the parents for their kind 'leavers' gifts, we are always touched by your generosity and your thoughtful words in the 'thank-you' cards make us proud of our setting and staff.

Staff

We are very pleased to welcome another couple of new staff members, both permanent as well as Bank staff in the coming weeks.



Phoebe has joined us to run the Holiday club this Summer.

We say farewell this month to Sarah from Little Dragons, Andrew from Hedgehogs and Jackie from the kitchen, everyone at St George's wishes them health and happiness in their next chapters.

COVID 19- protocols

PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AT BACK GATE

- Squirrel/ Badger and Otters parents:
-To ease congestion by the back gate, only 2 people can enter at a time
- Please can we have one adult per child at pick up
- 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



IMPORTANT

If you have received a note from us to sign your funding for September (Autumn

term), please come to the office to sign your funding form by **10th September** or you will not get funding until the following term.



The ParentZone app is a great tool that helps you see what you 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.

Summer Fair Raffle

We were all very sad not have held/attended the Summer Fair on Saturday July 10th, which had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions not being lifted. However, it is more important that everyone is kept safe in these extraordinary times, and we will look forward, hopefully, to putting on a fabulous Christmas Fair in December, fingers crossed! We did still run the raffle and we were amazed at how supportive everyone was in purchasing tickets. We raised a fantastic £1,256 in ticket sales and all profits will go towards buying new toys and equipment for all the children at St George's. Thank you so much to everyone who bought tickets, we are truly grateful for your kindness, generosity and support.

Plant Sale

Willerby Landscapes kindly donated some large plants to St George's to sell to parents and staff - over £300 was raised, which is brilliant.

We do have some smaller plants for sale from them at the moment, which are just inside the side entrance to nursery, outside the Squirrels room, and are all £1 each. If you don't normally use that entrance to drop off/pick up your child/children, then please ask at reception if you would like to see what plants are for sale

Team St George's 2021 Inflatable Challenge



It's not too late to support Andrew, Chanelle, Ellie, Ellis, Esther, Leah, Lucy, Katie and Paige, who all care for your wonderful children at St George's, in the **Inflatable 5K Obstacle Course** at Brands Hatch, which is taking place this **Saturday 31st July 2021**.

We are very proud that they want to come together as a Team to raise vital funds for St George's, and have some fun at the same time!

If you would like to sponsor the team please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TeamStGeorges1> and if you would like to see what the challenge involves, please visit <https://www.ukrunningevents.co.uk/inflatable-5k-run-brands-hatch-kent>.

GOOD LUCK TEAM ST GEORGE'S!

Diary Dates



Holiday Club starts	22 nd July
August Bank holiday St George's CLOSED	Monday 30 th August
Holiday Club finishes	1 st September
Little Dragons first day back	Monday 6 th September



We have now opened the bookings for Summer Holiday Club.

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

Review Us

[St George's Childcare, 7 Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9LP](https://www.stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)
(daynurseries.co.uk)

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

https://business.facebook.com/pg/StGeorgesChildcare/reviews/?ref=page_internal

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 we have been exploring different textures. We have made lots of messy play, this includes water, edible mud, coloured rice and lots more. The children really enjoy exploring the different textures and finding different ways to move them between objects. The children have used spoons to transport the rice into a cup or bowl, they have used jugs to pour water and they have used their hands to try the edible mud. These types of messy play help develop the children's fine motor skills and encourage them to use all of their senses.

If you would like to make the edible mud here is the recipe:- Cocoa powder, Water and Flour to thicken it up. It is up to you how much of each you use.

Hedgehogs

This month hedgehogs have enjoyed exploring their theme Weather. The children have been learning about the different weathers, when they happen and what we need to wear when the weather changes. They used cotton wool to make fluffy clouds, tissue paper and paint to make a sun and lots of different colours to make a large rainbow!

Hedgehogs have also had lots of water play this month to keep cool in the sun!

This month Hedgehogs said goodbye to Andrew who we will all miss very much.

Next month our theme is transport!



After School Club

In the last few weeks of After School Club (before the schools break up), the children have enjoyed a 'Sunflower' topic and picking their strawberries.

They also celebrated Julie's (one of our Kitchen team) birthday. The children made her a card and gave her some flowers and said that "Julie is the best cook ever!"

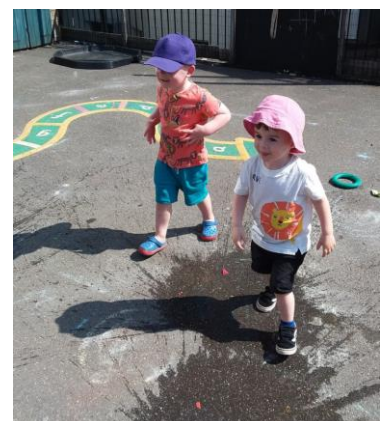
The team said goodbye to Leo, who is leaving to go to Secondary school.



Moles



The Moles had a great deal of fun activities in July, they have had an afternoon of face painting- which the children loved! They have made pictures blowing through straws to make patterns in paint and enjoyed a lot of outside time in the sun. When it has been really hot, they've had water balloon fights which cooled them (and the staff!) down!



Little Dragons

July has been a busy month for the Little Dragons team and they've enjoyed so many fun activities. One of favourites was celebrating England getting to final of Euro 2020 tournament, children had their own 'final' downstairs in the room and England actually won that match!!

All the children had a fantastic time during Sports Week and the staff were so impressed with their efforts. They skipped, balanced bean bags on their heads, climbed and jumped, it was so much fun!

The team ended the term with a wonderful day at Dunorlan, thank you to all the parents who attended to help make the day even more memorable.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, families and staff for all their support this year and thank Sarah Kempster for all her hard work over the years, as she steps down from the Little Dragons Manager role.



Otters

Otters have started their Summer theme. They have decorated cakes, made crab, seagull and ice cream crafts and have been cooling down with a yummy ice cream treat, following on from their Ice Cream Parlour role play.

We had a fun 'Otters Olympics' Sports Week and raised a brilliant £173.00 so far. Please could we ask that any outstanding sponsorship money be handed in ASAP. Thank you.

We recently celebrated our school leavers with a brilliant Hungry Caterpillar themed leavers party. The Otters team would like to wish all our leavers the best of luck!

In August we will be looking at holidays and how we travel on holiday. We would love to see any pictures of holidays you may go on to allow the children to discuss them with their peers!



Badgers



We have had a very busy month this month! We had our school leavers party and have said goodbye to some of our friends as they move on to big school.

We have welcomed some new friends from Moles who are slowly getting used to the new routine and environment.

We had a very successful sports day! All the children did so well and we were fortunate the weather was nice. (unfortunately, we will not be able to make a video for the parents, due to technical difficulties. So sorry)

We have been very interested in the Olympics and have been cheering on team GB!

The children have been studying sign language and have started to use it with Megan.

It has been so hot lately that we have had lots of water play and ice lollies in the sunshine.