

## Welcome

July has been full of fun with our wonderful Summer Fair, (please check out the pictures on page 2) and some extreme temperatures!

We would like to say thank you to all the staff for doing a wonderful job keeping the children cool and well done to the children for coping on the hottest days we've experienced this century!

## School Leavers

The children have enjoyed leavers parties with entertainment from Captain Fantastic and Otters had a lovely 'Graduation' party too.



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

Please do keep in touch with us and let us know how they get on. We look forward to welcoming some of the children back to After School Club in September and Holiday Club in October.

## Nut free setting



It is vital to remember that St George's is a nut free setting.

Please do not bring nuts or snacks that contain nuts into the building.

We have several children with nut allergies and could come to serious harm should they be exposed to nuts.

## Garden door- please close



Please can we remind parents to close the garden door (push bar door) when leaving or entering the building. Many thanks

## 15/30 Hrs FUNDING

### 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 the week commencing **12<sup>th</sup> September** or you will not get funding until the term.

If your child is new to funding, please also bring in a copy of your child's birth certificate.



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



Thank you to all our wonderful staff of your time, effort, enthusiasm, and support at the Summer Fair.

It was a great event that was enjoyed by the children and parents, and it simply could not happen without you.

Thank you to Rob for all his efforts on the Friday tidy up, Julie for all her baking and support and to every single one of you for everything you did.

**We made an impressive £2,569!**

## Holiday Club



We have some places left for our Summer Holiday Club.

Please email [kate.foulkes@stegeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:kate.foulkes@stegeorgeschildcare.co.uk) for a booking form and to check availability.

They have had a great first week already, getting to know new friends, playing games and lots of time outside in the fresh air, as well as a trip to the park.

## Diary Dates



First day of Holiday Club	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Hedgehogs Activity Morning	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 10-11.30am
Squirrels Activity Morning	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 10-12.30
After School Club return	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Last day of Holiday Club	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Little Dragons start of term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September

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## Facebook



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[www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare](https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare)



## Squirrels



This month Squirrels have decided to spend their fundraising money. We took a trip to the toy shop and the children were able to pick out the toys they wanted. We bought a giant cosy acorn, which the children have enjoyed sitting in and reading books. They have picked various toys and will go and sit in the acorn to play with them. We then decided to make a house out of the giant cardboard box that the acorn came in. The children were able to help paint it white, add greenery and have enjoyed playing in the house. The staff put some soft mats and some cushions inside for the children to enjoy.

## Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have enjoyed exploring their new theme, Holidays. We have been talking about holidays that we have been on, and how we got there. The children have been making aeroplanes and boats using sticky shapes and cardboard. The children have loved having sea themed water play and using small tubs to make sandcastles in the sand.

We would like to say Thank You to Lando who bought us a water toy sprinkler for the garden, the children absolutely loved it!

We'd also like to remind parents of our activity morning which will be taking place on Thursday 4th August 10-11:30, everyone is welcome, even if your child does not usually attend on this day!



## After School Club



The After School Club have been busy with many activities this month, we've sewn pumpkin

seeds ready for October. Some of the children built a can on a wire, they were excited that they made it work and move. Some of the children have been using our beads to make different necklaces and bracelets.

We have also said goodbye to a few of our Year 6 children, who ordered their special leavers tea for everyone to enjoy. We wish them all the best for their new schools.



## Moles

In July, Moles have been looking at an 'under the sea' theme. They have enjoyed making fish, seaweed, star fish, and plenty more crafts for their display board.

The children have also enjoyed a lot of water play, including splashing in their paddling pools to keep cool and playing with sea creatures in the water.

The team made sure to keep everyone as cool as possible during the heatwave by enjoying lots of ice lollies, some of which they made themselves!



# Little Dragons

Little Dragons have been busy continuing their topic of growth for the last term. The children have been keenly studying the tadpoles and were extremely excited to discover the biggest tadpoles transforming into froglets with two front legs and most recently tiny frogs!

We were lucky enough to watch our caterpillars growing in size rapidly and came back after one weekend to find they had built their cocoons. A week later, the final metamorphosis had taken place and we were able to set the butterflies free.

Little Dragons had a great sports week and children did so well at the different activities, including egg and spoon and balancing races.

We had a visit from Zoolab during the last week of term and the children got to learn about snails, snakes, cockroaches and even get to hold them too!



## Otters

In July, Otters started to say goodbye to their school leavers. We had a fantastic party from Captain Fantastic and then our own Otters Leavers Party with Mr Fumbles, pass the parcel and paddling pool fun!

We have been enjoying the warm weather, splashing about in the paddling pools and having water fights with their friends and the adults!

For our topic of Summer, making a plane from loose parts in the garden, water painting and making lots of arts and crafts, including ice cream pictures.

We raised lots of money from our fundraising events and spent some of the money on new toys, puzzles and sensory items which the children have enjoyed playing with.

We explored the children's interest of Superheroes when lots of the children came in wanting to be their favourite characters. We made masks, capes and the children had fun flying through the air from towers in the garden!



## Badgers



Badgers enjoyed their sunny sports day earlier this month. The children showed off their speed in a water race, a silly hat race and also did the tug of war. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and joined in with the races.

The children have been talking about their weekend trips to the beach, so we learnt about being safe at the beach. The children have enjoyed lots of water play and messy play this month. They used their senses to explore different textures and smells in the messy tray. We picked strawberries from the allotment and made our own jam to enjoy on our toast at breakfast time. We will miss all our friends who are leaving to go to school this September. We wish everyone luck at their new schools. Everyone enjoyed the leavers party, the children loved seeing Captain Fantastic performing his wonderful magic.

We are looking forward to welcoming new friends into Badgers and planning new activities with them.