

WELCOME

This is the first newsletter after the lockdown and we firstly wanted to praise our wonderful staff for being fantastic keyworkers! We are incredibly proud of them all.

We also wanted to thank you, the parents and carers, for the kind words and comments you have passed onto us over the last couple of months- they have helped our morale a great deal.

We know that it has been a difficult time for everyone and your support and understanding is appreciated as we work to get the children back into nursery.

Office staff

We thought it would be helpful for you know who is working in the office at the moment.



Nenita – our Acting Childcare Manager is in Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

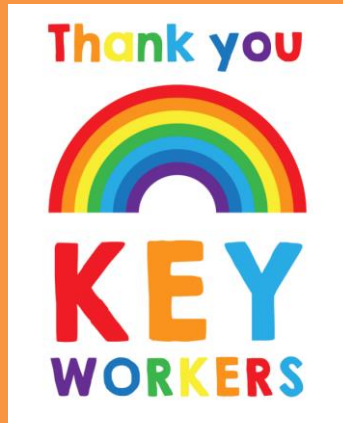


Kym – our Specialist Childcare Professional and Childcare Manager is in on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Teresa, Childcare Manager is one day a week - as and when she is needed.

Morgane – the Business Manager and Kate -our Operations and Communications Co-ordinator are currently working from home and contactable every day by email.



NEWS/ INFORMATION

COVID- 19

Before we re-opened to more children at the beginning of the month, St George's took steps to ensure we followed the Government's guidelines to make the setting was as safe as possible.

- We have completed a thorough Risk Assessment -which we have emailed parents and is available on our website.
- We have separated the entrances for the rooms and installed hand sanitiser units at the main door and back gate.
- Set out social distancing at the entrances
- Made the room sizes smaller
- Restricting visitors into the setting

Asking parents not to come into the office- instead asking them to call or email info@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk

Reminder for Little Dragons, Badger and Otter parents

- If you are entitled to 30 hours funding, please remember to keep renewing the code every 3 months even if they are not currently booked in to attend the setting.

-As per the email sent to parents on 15th June, if your child is off to primary school in September -please can you let us know their last day. Once we have this information, we can return your deposit.

Many thanks

TW Lotto



We are taking part in the TW Lotto incentive scheme, help us reach our ticket target to WIN a sum of money for St George's. Simply sign up to purchase a £1 weekly ticket today.

<https://www.twlotto.co.uk/support/st-georges-community-childrens-project>

Keep St George's Going Fund

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund so far, we have been overwhelmed by your support. Thank you to Albion Foods and Ian Chatfield Butchers for their generous donations.



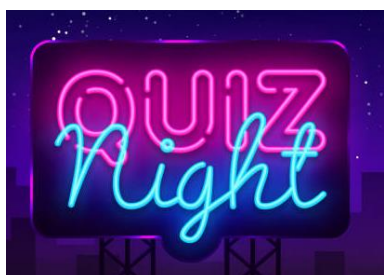
Well done to the Kempster family who has raised an amazing £1,364 (incl. Gift aid) for St George's by cycling indoors nonstop for 24 hours. What an amazing achievement! Thank you so much.

Big Thank you to Felicity Reese and her daughters Scarlett and Lydia (aged 3 and 7 months) for their 10k scooter for St George's Childcare this weekend! They have currently raised £500 (incl. Gift Aid) to help our 'fantastic nursery'.



A big thank you to the Foulkes family for spending a day without technology to raise money- they have raised over £300 (with gift aid). Well done!

An enormous thank you to Elizabeth, Josephine and Dr Pandora Frost for organising a 1km fun run for the girls. They raised £1,000! Such a fantastic effort and wonderful effort!



A big thank you to Tara Hawkins for organising a quiz night earlier this month and raised £80. Thanks very much!

Diary Dates



Little Dragons last day	Wednesday 22nd July
Summer Holiday Club	To be confirmed
Little Dragons	Tuesday 1 st September

Staff

- We have said goodbye to Sacha, Mille and Holly who decided not to return after their maternity leaves. We thank them for all their hard work.
- Also, Sarah and Jade have decided to leave St George's for personal reasons during this time of uncertainty.



Squirrels and Hedgehogs



It has been lovely to welcome back the children in Squirrels and Hedgehogs.

They have settled in very well considering most of them have not been here for the last couple of months.

They have enjoyed re-exploring the rooms and garden and having different toys to play with. It is a pleasure to have them back!

Summer Holiday Club

At the moment we are unsure if we are able to open our Holiday Club this summer. We will know more in July.

if you would like to register your interest please email

kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk



Moles

Gallery



Moles have been settling into their new room, which they are enjoying. We have also started our summer display board, and now making a maths display board.

To show our support to diversity Ellie decided to print lots of people figures and give the children a selection of people colour paints which they already had in the cupboards, we have made chains to hang in the front windows.

Squirrels, Badgers, Otters and Little Dragons are all taking part as well, and they have been displayed proudly in the windows.



Little Dragons

It has been wonderful to see some of the Little Dragons back and more are joining us in the coming weeks. It was very exciting to see our allotment patch again and we have enjoyed weeding, digging, planting and watering our vegetables. One of the first things the children wanted to do when they came back was to do a bug hunt. We found spiders, worms and slugs in the garden and then brought them indoors and drew them.

It is Father's Day this month, so we have been drawing pictures of our Dads and making Father's Day cards. Our topics this term is Summer and People Who Help Us. We would usually invite people in to talk about what they do but as we cannot do this at the moment, we have been reading books and watching videos, researching what jobs people do that are a big help to us.



Otters



On the first of June, Otters new room opened – the staff and children enjoyed making themselves feel at home. They have completed their summer theme, made cards and painted their feet on a special poem for Father's Day.

The new Otter theme is going to be 'Our Favourite Books' and look forward to sharing some pictures of what we will be getting up on with our Otter friends who are not with us at the moment. The Otter team misses you and is looking forward to seeing you soon.



Badgers

The Badgers team have had fun exploring their new room and all the toys within!

They have been busy doing some decorating as there is still more to do and the children have loved turning the cosy room into 'Dr Seuss Land'!

They have made cards for Father's day and explored some real fossils after the children showed an interest in learning more about them.

The Badgers team, along with the rest of St George's have been celebrating diversity and tried to raise the children's awareness of our differences and similarities.



They used the world map to talk about where we are from and where the children and their families have visited.