

## Welcome

We can't believe another month has been and gone already, this year is quickly evaporating!

With lots of lovely sunshine the staff have been getting speedy at putting on suncream before they go outside for time in the garden, but if you are able to do this before you arrive at the setting, that would be very helpful- thank you in advance.

Please also remember sun hat and suncream (**NO NIVEA PLEASE**) and a water bottle.



## Healthy Eating Week

This month the setting has had great fun promoting Healthy Eating week.

The rooms have practised their cutting skills and hand-to-eye coordination by making fruit kebabs.



## Information

### 30 hours funding

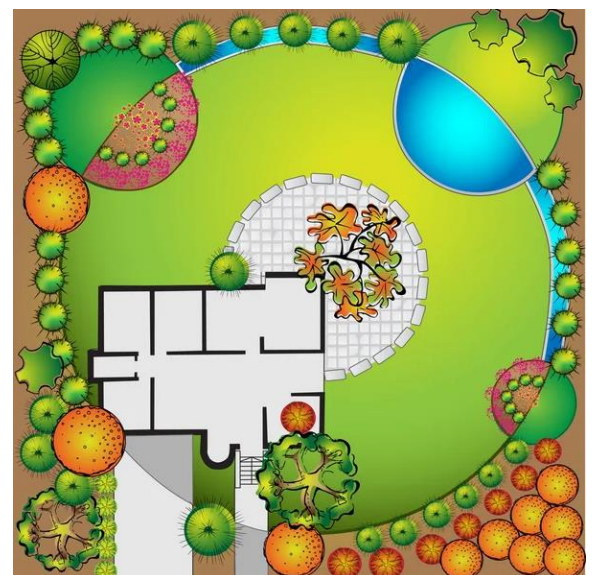
Don't forget to renew your 30 hours funding codes, you will be emailed a reminder every 3 months to check you are still eligible.

[30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

### Landscape /garden design companies recommendations

If anyone can recommend a local landscaper or garden designer, please can you send contact information to the office please.

We are looking at redesigning the garden area and would welcome some professional suggestions or advice. Many thanks





A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with our Summer Fair, either by volunteering on the day, donating prizes for the raffle/tombola, buying raffle tickets, sending back decorated gift bags and of course coming along to the fair.

It was a great event, raising over **£3,000**, which is fantastic, and will go towards our fundraising projects for the year. We really are very grateful for your support and thank you for coming along to make the event such a success.

## Comments about the fair

*"the weather was fab and the entertainer was great fun for the children."*

*"had a really lovely time."*

*"well done to everyone involved"*



## Diary Dates

Leavers party	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Little Dragons Sports Day	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30-12
Otters Movie Night fundraiser	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
After School Club beach party	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Little Dragons last day of term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Holiday Club starts	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July

## Holiday Club



Summer Holiday Club bookings are now open.

Please email the team to check availability and for a booking form.

[holidayclub@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:holidayclub@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk)

## Please review us



Follow St George's Facebook page to see the fun activities that the children and staff enjoy!

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



## Squirrels



This month the Squirrel children have been very busy. They have explored the garden using different resources to help with their physical development. They have had lots of water play to keep them cool in the warm weather and they've learnt if you move your hands side-to-side in water it creates bubbles.

They have shown a lot of interest in dressing up and taken part in a variety of messy play activities which aid their fine motor skills and hand to eye coordination.

## Hedgehogs

Our first sports day went really well and we're very proud of all the children. We would like to thank all the parents who came along to support us!

To celebrate healthy eating week, we tried some new fruits. One of the new fruits was called a Sharron fruit which the children loved! Continuing from this we picked our strawberries from the allotment and made a yummy strawberry and banana milkshake!

We will be welcoming Vicky to Hedgehogs and saying goodbye to Molly and wish her all the best in her role as bank staff.



## After School Club



In After School Club this month the children have done some more planting in the allotment as well as a week of experiments; including making a rainbow in a jar and then cloud in the jar!

They have also been drawing garden birds for the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom competition and enjoyed reading facts about bees for World Bee day.

## Moles

Moles have been enjoying the sunny weather and loved all the water play in the garden to keep cool. We have had the paddling pool out to splash in and have had a water fight with some of the rooms and even got the staff!

Moles loved exploring Healthy Eating week where they tried lots of different fruits and made smoothies. The children ate lots of different vegetables including carrot chips. We discussed why eating healthy is important and what foods the children liked to eat most.



# Little Dragons



The Little Dragons children have been continuing to learn and explore their natural world. The allotment patch has been planted with tomatoes, green and yellow courgettes and cucumbers which the children are looking after and watering well while we wait to see new leaves and hopefully some flowers that will lead to fruit!

The children have been investigating bugs and insects that can be found outdoors, they have used magnifying glasses and bug boxes to look closely at details and we have found out more about different types of bugs on the internet and in books.

We have all loved the sunny weather and playing outdoors, especially with water, and we have talked about how not to waste water. The children have been great at managing their own suncream, sun hats and staying hydrated and enjoyed some ice lollies!

The children will be practicing their sporting skills in preparation for our Sports Day on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## Otters

This month, Otters have enjoyed exploring some new toys that we have purchased. They became builders, using the new foam bricks to make different creations, from houses to seats and towers!

We also learnt about our environment on World Environment Day. The children did their bit to protect their surroundings - litter picking in the park and sorting the recycling into the correct pots, which they were very good at!

We have used children's interests to talk about the zoo, after one of the children was excited about an upcoming trip! We made our very own giraffe that the children "fed" and had a messy play with various textures to explore!

We've enjoyed the warmer weather by going out on lots of trips to the park and town, most recently exploring the Microworld Exhibition at the Amelia Scott centre in town, which was loads of fun!



## Badgers



Badgers have been really enjoying the sunny weather and keeping cool with water play, making ice lollies and splashing in a paddling pool.

We had a lovely visit from Animalia Encounters and got to meet, hold and stroke some lovely friendly creatures. We are very excited to have finally received our level 3 gardening awards! We received a £50 voucher for gardening supplies and used it to buy some new plants, a squirrel proof bird feeder and a few other things. Our allotment is looking amazing and we cant wait for everything to grow.

We received a large donation of bananas and made smoothies, cupcakes, pancakes and ice cream. We also practiced our construction skills by hammering nails and sawing wood to make the first letter of our names!