

Please wear a
mask at the
setting



Welcome

We have officially arrived at Summer now that the clocks have 'sprung' forward, it will be lovely to have lighter evenings especially when the children play outside before home time.

All the rooms have exciting and engaging activities planned in the summer months; please look out for our new 'Quarterly Room Newsletter' for more detailed information about what your child's room has planned in the next few months.

As you know our friend and colleague, Robert Lascelles, sadly passed away earlier this month. Thank you for sending your condolences, they were greatly appreciated and will be passed onto the family when the time is right.

Our thoughts are with Teresa and her family at this very difficult time.

Staff

We are very pleased to welcome a number of new staff members



Carra joins us as a Childcare Practitioner in our Squirrels room.



Louise joins our Badgers room as a Childcare Practitioner.



Jackie joins us in April as our new Assistant Cook.



Ciara joins our Moles team as a Childcare Assistant.

We are saying goodbye to Teresa in the kitchen and Mary is staying on to help as bank staff.

COVID 19- protocols

PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AT THE 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



**Please can all parents with
children in Little Dragons,
Badgers and Otter come and
sign their funding forms by
16th April at the latest.**

Many thanks

ST GEORGE'S SPRING RAFFLE



Hopefully you will have received an email about our virtual “Spring Raffle” which is aimed to raise funds for the refurbishment of our Garden Den, which will benefit all the children that attend St George’s.

Due to current restrictions, we still cannot sell actual raffle tickets, but are inviting you to purchase numbers remotely, at a cost of **£2 per number or 6 numbers for £10**. To enter the raffle you can either:-

A: Email Becky on becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk advising how many numbers you wish to buy, along with your name and telephone number. If you could then please make payment direct into our bank account – St George’s CCP, Account No: **80022448**, Sort Code **55-70-13**, making sure to quote reference **RAFF** followed by **your name**.

B: Put cash/cheque in an envelope clearly writing on the outside your name, telephone number and email address, and drop off at St George’s.

C: Call the office (01892 543982) and make payment over the phone, leaving your name, email address and telephone number when doing so.

PRIZES

1st Prize - £75 Cash

2nd Prize - Luxury Hamper

3rd Prize - Gin, Fizz & Wine Goodies

4th Prize - Pamper Time Basket

5th Prize - Children’s Books & Toys Bundle

6th Prize - Chocolate Lovers Hamper

Once payment is received your numbers will be allocated and confirmed to you by email. The closing date for the raffle is Wednesday 21st April and the winning numbers will be drawn and announced on St George’s Day - Friday 23rd April.

SUMMER FAIR – Save The Date

The Government are hoping that COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted on 21st June and group gatherings can commence. In the hope that this will be the case we are planning to hold our Summer Fair on **Saturday July 10th** so please save the date! Obviously, as we all know, things can change very quickly, and we will only put on this event if it is safe to do so and all safety precautions will be taken. As usual, all offers of help and donations will be gratefully received and more details will be sent out soon.

Thank You

Sarah Kempster, our wonderful Manager of Little Dragons, completed her Lands End to John O’Groats bike challenge on 20th March, cycling £1730.2km on her road and exercise bike. This challenge has raised an incredible **£1000** for St George’s!

Sarah also completed a 24 hour non-stop cycling challenge with her daughters last May and raised £1420. We think that you’ll agree Sarah is a real Superstar Fundraiser as she has raised an incredible **£2420** for St George’s in less than a year.

Diary Dates



Little Dragons last day of term	Friday 26 th March
St George’s closed	Friday 1 st April- Monday 5 th April inclusive
St George’s reopen	Tuesday 6 th April
Little Dragons return	Thursday 15 th April
St George’s Day	Friday 23 rd April

Kitchen

As you will be aware the Kitchen is being upgraded during the first week of April.

Meals are being delivered to the setting and all dietary requirements have been considered.

We are looking forward to a new and improved layout in the kitchen.

Facebook



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

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesChildcare

Squirrels



Squirrels are continuing with their Spring theme and have done various activities for their Spring notice board. They have used cotton wool and tissue paper to make bunny rabbits, made a vegetable patch using glue and shaving foam as well as making puffy paint carrots and lettuce.

The children have also planted some seeds and are excited to watch how they grow.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have enjoyed exploring their theme 'Things that grow'. The children have used forks to make tulips, feathers to stick on chicks and cotton wool balls to add to their bunnies' tails.

The children have also enjoyed planting different herbs and spices, the children used small shovels to add soil to planting pots and added the seeds themselves. They are now on our windowsill and have begun to grow!

Hedgehogs have loved celebrating Red Nose Day making cakes and red noses.

The children have said goodbye to more friends who have moved to Moles this month, and we hope they have lots of fun in their new room!



After School Club



The After School Club welcomed back the St John's children, who were all extremely happy to be back. These past few weeks they have been sowing seeds of beetroot, dwarf beans and sunflowers for our allotment. They have also been painting pictures for our Spring wall display.

Moles



Moles have had a busy month creating block painting, sand drawings, shaving foam painting and other messy crafts.

They have been playing with the light box in the sensory room and using magnetic shapes to improve their dexterity.

The children have been practising their colours and also counting up to 10. This was very useful when Moles visited the chicks that hatched as there were 10 eggs and now, we have 10 chicks! They children loved seeing them and were very gentle when stroking them.

Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a wonderful time learning about Space. At the end of each day, we listen to the Solar System song and now know so much about the planets. For Mother's Day we made some beautiful vases of flowers. We are very excited about Easter and have been making Easter cards for our families this week and our Spring board is looking lovely with flowers and bunnies we have made. We have continued to learn our days of the week and months of the year. We have particularly enjoyed being in the allotment a lot over the last few weeks.

The Little Dragons area has now been dug over and the children have planted vegetables and flowers. We are also having a 'Best Sunflower' competition and are looking forward to seeing how well the sunflowers that some of the children have taken home have grown. After our Easter holidays we will start to learn about Summer and the children will decide what other topic they would like to focus on. We are hoping to take the children for a trip to the woods again. We will also be involving the children in some fundraising activities for Little Dragons.



Otters

This month Otters have been celebrating Mother's Day by making lots of lovely crafts and cards for their mummies. We enjoyed taking a trip to the park to "plant" the paper flowers the children made and learning our Mother's Day song! Over the next few months, we are looking forward to planting real flowers in our refurbished greenhouse. The children have been busy helping the adults clear and squash the bottles to get ready for this exciting project!

On April 23rd we will be celebrating St George's Day. We would love the children to dress up as knights, dragons and princesses, ready for a fun filled day!

Thank you to all who donated and bought tickets for our Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on 29th March by the children. Keep an eye on St George's Facebook page for pictures/videos of this!



Badgers



The Badgers room have been so busy this month! The children really enjoyed World Book day, they dressed up as characters from their favourite books and read loads of stories. March is full of special days to celebrate including Mother's Day and St Patrick's Day, see Facebook for their pictures of their activities.

The Badgers children also cleared and planted new plants in our allotment. They have started to look at Easter and really enjoyed themselves during our Holi celebration.