



Happy Christmas to St George's nursery from everyone at Stampede. £10 off your next purchase over £50. Just mention 'St George's' or bring in a tag from a balloon.

Fundraising

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Christmas Fair tomorrow (30th November from 11am) and thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets, sent in decorated bags with their children and given donations for tombola prizes. It never ceases to amaze us how kind and generous our parents are – we are truly grateful!

The St George's Calendars have arrived and will be on sale at the fair tomorrow and from Monday can be purchased from the office, a sample copy will be out in the hallway for you to browse. The cost of the calendars is £6.50 and includes photographs of all children whose parents gave permission for them to be included. We would like to say a huge thank you to Kim Chatfield, a Moles Mum and graphic designer who designed the calendar and also to Lucy from Badgers who took all the photographs. We think they have done a great job and hope that you will be pleased with it too.



WELCOME

We are excited to announce that we are extending St George's.

Building work will commence in December to transform the part of the building that used to be occupied by The Tunbridge Wells Counselling Centre into two new rooms for children 3 and over, creating 28 extra places across the nursery. Please see the letter attached to the email with this newsletter out for a more detailed email from the Management Team.

Parents Questionnaire

It is that time of year that we ask you to give us feedback on how we are doing at St George's. We have sent out an email inviting you to take part in a Typeform Questionnaire. Please can you complete it by 9th December. If you haven't had an email – please come and see Kate in the office.

Closing early on Christmas Eve

Please be aware that we are closing St George's at 1pm on Christmas Eve.



Holiday Club

Holiday club is open on 18th, 19th, 20th, 23rd all day and 24th December until 1pm and in the New Year on 2nd and 3rd January all day.

We still have spaces left on 20th, 23rd and 24th Dec (until 1pm) and after the New Year before the schools return.

If you would like a form please come and see the office or email

kate.foulkes@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk



Little Dragons



Little Dragons have had a busy few weeks. We have really enjoyed starting to practice for our Christmas Concert and were excited to have Ellie and her guitar back again to help us. The concert is on 6th December at 10am.

We also made some beautiful poppy and firework pictures for our art gallery. Our new topics are Winter and Christmas, so we have been making crafts for our Winter display board.

We have also started on some Christmas crafts. On 25th November some of us are going to sing for the residents at The Dairy and we have been practicing a lot for this as well.

We continue with our topic, All About Me, enjoying looking at the photos some of the children have brought in and talking about our families, friends and homes.

Diary Dates



Squirrels Activity Morning	Tuesday 3 rd December 10-11.30am
Little Dragons Christmas Concert & Coffee Morning	Friday 6 th December
Badgers Christmas Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December
Moles Cake Day	11 th December
Little Dragons break up for Christmas	Friday 13 th December
Holiday Club (Christmas Eve we close at 1pm)	Thurs 19 th – Tues 24 th December
St George's closed	From 1pm 24 th December
St George's reopens	Thursday 2 nd January 2020
Holiday Club	2 nd & 3 rd Jan 2020
Little Dragons return	Monday 6 th January

Squirrels

This month **Squirrels** have been exploring textures to encourage the babies to use their senses. They have been adding different types of ingredients that they can feel, smell and hear. They have enjoyed the feeling of the melting gloop, smelling cinnamon in playdoh and listening to the crackling of the cereal in the tray.



Funding forms

If your child is entitled to Government funding (the term after they turn 3 years old) please come to the office to sign the paperwork.

Tax Free Childcare Payments

If you have signed up for the Tax Free Childcare scheme and use this to pay your childcare costs please can you let the office know this number.

Moles

Christmas Jumper Week

To get into the festive spirit from 16th December and wear your Christmas jumper to nursery!

Little Dragons can come in their jumpers from 9th December if they like as they finish term on 13th December.



Moles have been exploring their senses making poppies using a variety of resources to create a collage for Remembrance Day.

Our family board is looking full and we have lots of great photos. The children like looking at each other's relatives as well as their own.

The children had great fun creating the firework board in the Hallway by Reception – they drizzled glue and sprinkled glitter to resemble the fireworks exploding.



Badgers

Badgers have been getting ready for Christmas!

The children have been painting and decorating Christmas decorations in preparation for the fair on 30th November. They have also been working hard during their Nativity practice and are beginning to learn all their lines and songs.



Staff

- We are pleased to announce that from this month Nenita is now acting Childcare Manager
- We have a new member of staff in Squirrels called Devina starting in December.
- Amber from Squirrels has left us to move to West Sussex.

Review St George's



Gallery



The **After School Club** children enjoyed a Bonfire Night tea of hotdogs in the den and then they had sparklers. The staff had found a genius way of keeping the child's hand safe by adding the sparkler to a carrot to hold.

The children have also been busy making clay Christmas decorations for the Christmas Fair. Along with these crafts they have designed cards and messages to each as part of Anti-Bullying week.

