



REMINDER:

**Masks need to be worn
at drop off and pick up**

Welcome

Another month has passed of this very different year and yet some things here do not change- the children are giggling and having fun and our staff are still as brilliant as ever.

We have a wonderful team of childcare and office staff who have rallied together and continue to be an asset to St George's.

St George's AGM

This year, due to COVID restrictions, St George's (AGM) Annual General Meeting will be held remotely via 'Teams' on Monday 30th November at 7.30pm. If you wish to join the meeting please email Morgane- morgane.glew@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk

Office staff



Nenita – our Childcare Manager is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Kym – our Specialist Childcare Professional and Childcare Manager is in the office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Teresa, one of our Childcare Managers and is in the office on Tuesday and Thursdays.



Kate -our Office Manager will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings and working from home the rest of the week.



Morgane – the Business Manager will be in on Tuesday, Thursday mornings and all-day Wednesdays and working from home the rest of the week.

NEWS/ INFORMATION



- Please continue to socially distance at drop off and pick up.
- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up.
- Please be mindful of other parents waiting to drop off/ collect their child- if you have concerns or wish to share additional details please can you call the office or email childcaremanager@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk

Information for parents with children aged 2yrs

We have been asked to contact you on behalf of Kent County Council, The Education People and the Health Visiting Service (Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust), who are working together to review and implement improvements to the two-year review processes.

Children at two years of age are offered a two-year developmental review by the Health Visiting Service as well as a progress review by their early years setting.

Please complete our five-minute survey by **7 November**, so that we can seek your views and make the review process more meaningful for you and your child.

[Integrated Review at 2 - Service User Feedback Survey](#)

Face Masks



You can now purchase St George's cotton Face Masks, as modelled by Morgane! They fit adults and children – the cost is £5 each. Every mask sold will raise over £1 for St George's – if you would like to purchase a mask(s) please let your child's key worker know.

Pyjama Day



Our Annual Pyjama Day will be held on Wednesday 18th November here at St George's, for all children and staff. If your child is attending Nursery/Little Dragons/After School Club on that day and would like to dress in their pyjamas we are asking that £1 be donated, which will be spent on toys/equipment for their group.

Kent Charity Awards

Earlier this year St George's entered The Kent Charity Awards for the "Children's Charity of the Year" award and "Community Charity of the Year" award but, due to COVID-19, the awards have been postponed until next year. The Awards committee have asked us to add to our entries "How has Covid-19 affected us and how we have adapted to the situation and how has St George's shown resilience during the pandemic". If any parents would like to provide us with a testimonial about how you think we have coped during this unprecedented time or have any feedback whatsoever for us to use as part of our application and/or possibly use in future marketing, we would be extremely grateful to hear from you. Please email Becky on becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk.

Christmas



It will come as no surprise that we are unable to hold a Christmas Fair this year, due to current restrictions. We are obviously very disappointed about this as we love seeing parents, children, families, staff and supporters at this lovely annual event.

We will obviously make sure that all the children who come to St George's have a wonderful time during the Christmas period and arrange fun seasonal activities for them in their groups. If any parents have any ideas of things we can do regarding Christmas activities/fundraising Becky would love to hear from you on becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk.

Diary Dates



Little Dragons return	Monday 2 nd November
Complete survey for 2-year review by Health Visiting Service	Saturday 7 th November
Pyjama Day	Wednesday 18 th November
Little Dragons finish for Christmas	Friday 18 th December
Little Dragons return after Christmas	Monday 4 th January 2021



If you have any spare children's clothes ages 3-5 years- please can you drop them into the office please.

Thank you



Please review us

<https://g.page/StGeorgesChildcare/review>

Squirrels

This month Squirrels have been focusing on Autumn. They have made an Autumn display for the board in the hallway. They have made leaves, conkers, pumpkins, hedgehogs, scarecrows, and spiders. They used different techniques to make each one, forks for the hedgehogs and well as sponges and rollers.

The children stuck glittery paper to the scarecrow and eyes to the spiders and hedgehogs.



For messy play, the staff coloured some flour green (for the grass of a field) and added lentils (to represent pumpkins) and the children went 'pumpkin picking'!

Hedgehogs



This month Hedgehogs enjoyed participating in lots of arts and crafts relating to the Spooky week theme. The children have painted pumpkins, decorated bats and enjoyed lots of messy play.

They have also continued with the Autumn theme and the children have tried lots of different fruits and vegetables, including green pears and gherkins.

A big congratulations to two of our Hedgehogs who have welcomed new siblings this month. The team have loved hearing about them from their big sisters!

Moles

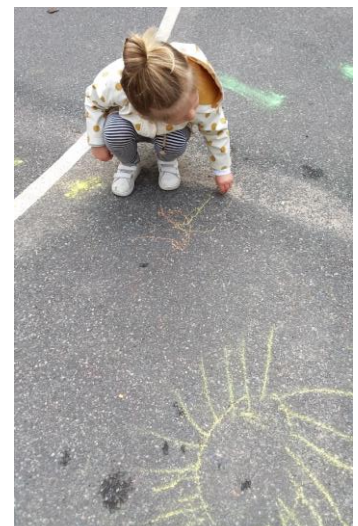
October Holiday Club



Holiday Club would like to say a huge thank you to everyone to came to support their sale in the Summer Holidays. The children decided they wanted to buy some skateboards and a ramp and cannot wait to try them out!

This month Moles have been focusing on transport as our topic & we have recently begun our Autumn/Halloween craft. They have enjoyed a variety of dry messy play and using different tools each day to explore textures.

The children have made pictures of Hedgehogs, autumnal trees, apple printing with orange paint that looked like pumpkins.



Little Dragons

Little Dragons have had a busy half term. We have enjoyed our topics about Autumn and animals and have made wonderful displays in the room. We have talked about where food comes from and healthy eating. This led to us making some tasty harvest soup.

Just before we finished for half term it was lovely to see the children thoroughly enjoying their witches and wizards dressing up day. There were also a few superheroes and princesses!

The half term leading up to Christmas is always a busy one. We are particularly looking forward to doing firework crafts and activities. As Christmas gets closer, we will be learning some Christmas songs, making presents and doing lots of Christmas crafts. We will also have a Christmas party (date to be confirmed).

The Little Dragons team would like to thank the parents for their continued support.



Otters

The Otters team would like to thank all the families who took part in their Autumn Treasure Hunt. They have raised a fantastic £210 towards toys for the Otters room.

This month they have been talking about Harvest. They have been busy baking, doing lots of arts and crafts and looking forward to 'Trick or Treat street'.

The team are also thinking ahead to Christmas, sadly we are unable to do our usual Nativity play at St John's Church this year but they are planning something special to put on Facebook- more details to follow.



Badgers



This month Badgers have been learning and talking about Harvest as well as getting ready for Halloween. For harvest the children have done vegetable crafts and learnt about how the vegetables are grown and harvested. They even made their own soup by chopping vegetables including pumpkin, carrots, parsnips, salsify and more! They ate their soup for tea with fresh bread they also made themselves.

For Halloween Badgers have made lots of decorations for the room, including bats and pumpkins. The children also planned Trick or treat street and made decorations for this.

Badgers have done plenty of baking this month, including lots of Halloween themed treats!

Badgers have helped tidy the garden entrance and made Halloween decorations to decorate the area!