

WELCOME

The summer months have sped past and we can't believe that they are almost over. We've all had a fun summer and have enjoyed having the older children around in Holiday Club. They have been on some great trips including The Llama Park and Bewl Water.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Little Dragons for a new term in September.

Note from Management

Please can you not contact your child's keyworker or other members staff outside of office hours.

Many thanks.

Funding forms



Please can parents with children who have been given reminder slips come to the office to sign their funding forms by **9th**

September 2019.

Otherwise your child will not get their funding.

News



This month Steph has celebrated her 25th anniversary of working at St George's. The children all helped to make a card and banner then everyone enjoyed a party tea in the garden. Thank you to Steph for all her hard work and loyalty to St George's- here's to another 25 years!!

We are incredibly proud of our Childcare Manager, Teresa, as she has been nominated and shortlisted for as a finalist for the "Outstanding Contribution" category at the annual Nursery World Awards 2019. Teresa is such an asset to St George's and after 21 years of service we are so pleased she is being recognized for all her efforts. Join us in wishing her luck on September 28th !



DIARY DATES

Little Dragons return	Monday 2 nd September
Badgers Pirate Day	Thursday 19 th September
Parent Social	Thursday 26 th September
Race Night fundraiser	Friday 11 th October
Little Dragons last day	Friday 18 th October
October Holiday Club (available to book in Sept'19)	Monday 21 st October- 25 th October
Little Dragons return	Monday 28 th October

Reviews



Thank you to the parents who have recently written reviews on St George's Facebook page. It means a great deal to us for our staff and setting to be reviewed so highly.

Please can you also add your reviews to Day Nurseries website <https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/daynursery.cfm/searchazref/50001050GEOA#submit>

And on Google - <https://bit.ly/2z4IkuZ>

Many thanks

Squirrels



Squirrels have enjoyed exploring 'growth' this month. They have planted tomatoes, peppers and flowers. The children have enjoyed pouring in the soil into the pots and putting in the seeds and counting as they did it. The staff have all loved watching the plants grow and flourish and cannot wait to eat them!

Staff

We are welcoming lots of new members of staff in the coming weeks;



Leah will be full time in Moles.



Charleigh is in Moles for lunch cover and in After School Club.



Sophie is in Moles for lunch cover and in After School Club.



Caroline is in Badgers for lunch cover.

This month we will be saying goodbye to Mary and Lauren R- we wish them all the best for the future.

Badgers

Badgers have been busy in the allotment picking marrows, beetroot and spring onions. Thank you to the kitchen for using these in our meals for all of us to taste.



Our quiet area in the back room is being transformed into a pirate ship for 'Pirate Day' on 19th September. The children can come in dressed up if they like.

In Badgers they have started the new topic of 'People who help us' by doing some crafts. If you are interested in coming in to talk to the children about your job role, please speak to a member of the Badgers team.

The children have been enjoying playing with the new doctor's kits and K-Nex they bought with their fundraising money.

Moles



'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' is a firm favourite in Moles and they have been looking at how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. The staff dyed the pasta in different colours for each part of the life cycle of the butterfly. The fusilli were used as the caterpillar; conchiglie were the chrysalis and the farfalle were the butterflies. The children glued the pasta shapes onto paper leaves.

Fees

Reminder that nursery fees will be increasing from September 2019. If you would like a copy of the latest Fee Structure, please see the office.

Chick update

Four months ago, we had the chicks and they were very small...



And now they are fully grown chickens and have even laid some eggs!



Holiday Club

Holiday Club have visited various parks over the summer, they have climbed the trees at Cobtree, discovered minibeasts at Haysden and walked alongside the deer at Knole. The children have enjoyed making their snacks. Our favourite snack has been the fruit kebabs, where the children washed, peeled and cut their favourite fruits to skewer. The children also selected a savoury recipe list to choose one cooking activity for each week. So far, the children have made pizzas, puff pastry parcels and sausage rolls for their tea. Some children have also held a vote to decide on a theme to decorate each of our display boards, Summer, Animals and Our Favourite Random Facts!



Kitchen



The children always enjoy gardening in the allotment at St George's. In the past couple of weeks, they have picked some enormous marrows, spring onions and beetroots which they have taken to the staff in the kitchen to use in salads and to make courgette cake.

Sherrell, our catering Manager, has been busy creating a Winter Menu which will commence in October/ November time- keep an eye out on the board in hall.

AUGUST PHOTOS

Here are some of the pictures that we've posted on Facebook this month.



Fundraising

Parents Summer Social Evening

We would like to invite all parents to our Parents Summer Social Evening on Thursday 26th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. We wanted to thank you all for being so kind and supportive throughout the year and thought it would be a good opportunity for staff and parents to socialise together over a drink and nibbles. You should receive a letter home soon with your children and Becky would be grateful if you could return the response form before Wednesday 18th September.

Race Night



We will be holding a Race Night at Tunbridge Wells Football Club on Friday 11th October – doors open at 7.15pm and first race will be at 7.45pm. Tickets will be £10 to include a ploughman's supper and there will be a licensed bar. We do hope you are able to come along, but if you are unable to do so you can still join in the fun by either a) Sponsoring a race for £20 b) Owning & Naming a horse for £2 c) Naming a Jockey for £2 d) Predicting the first 3 places in a race. Winning owners and jockeys will receive a bottle of wine and there will be cash prizes for competitions.

There will be a poster going up about the race night soon and of course it will be shared on Facebook. If you want to book tickets, enter any of the competitions or have any queries please contact Becky in the office or email her becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk