

January 2017

## Welcome!

St George's had a wonderful start to the year and have been fortunate enough to have been gifted a large number of toys from people having a new year's clear out. We are very grateful and the children have enjoyed having lots of new toys to play with.

## Nursery News

Some of you will remember Sara Niemand from the Squirrels room. She left last year on maternity leave and will not be returning to the nursery. We wish her all the best for the future.

## Squirrels



Squirrels had a busy month with lots of children moving up into Moles and new children settling in at nursery and making friends with their key workers and each other. They have been exploring textures and played with rice and gloop. Here they are painting Paige with the pink gloop and seeing how it sticks to her.

## Moles



Moles have worked on making a display board for Chinese New Year including roosters and fireworks. They also made a dragon and stimulated their senses

by playing with coloured ice cubes. Once placed in a tray of rice the coloured ice cubes melted and the children commented on how cold this made the tray and how the colours combined together to make green rice.

## Badgers

Badgers have been bringing their artic winter theme to an end by freezing toy animals into yoghurt pots and letting them defrost. They have also celebrated Chinese New Year by making crafts and tasting Chinese food.



## Little Dragons Playgroup

Little Dragons were lucky to be able to welcome some new friends who were just starting at playgroup. They have been talking about 'People Who Help Us'. A Doctor, Policeman, Paramedic, Teacher and a Chef have all took time from their busy working days to come and talk with the children. The Little dragons have also celebrated the 'Year of the Rooster' for Chinese New Year by making dragons, fans and lanterns.

Earlier in January when the weather was too icy to use the playground safely they brought the snow indoors making a snowman from real snow collect by staff. Then shredded paper became snow for a "messy" indoor snow fight.



## After School Club

The After-School Club has been doing the 'marble challenge' seeing how many marbles they can move between bowls one at a time with a teaspoon in 60 seconds. They have jungle animal teams and will be working in these terms until Easter trying to get team points. If you fancy a trip downstairs, they have also made a large photo display of them all on the St George's Minibus.



**St George's would like to remind parents** of After School Club children that they need to let St George's know before 2:30pm if they wish to cancel collection for their child. We have recently had a number of occasions where the bus has been unable to leave on time as staff are unable to locate children they are expecting to collect. If you fail to notify St George's you may be fined.

## What would you like to see?

The St George's team would like to know what parents would like to see more of in the Newsletter and on Facebook? Let us know!

### *You asked us... So we did it!*

**Following our last parents survey, St George's team listen to parents and careers to make key changes. This is what has been achieved:**

#### Our Communication

- Our Newsletters are now sent by email every 6 weeks so parents can read them at their leisure (printed copies are also available).
- A "parents evening" is now organised every year.
- We are looking into making the Children's Journal interactive by using tablets in each room, so regular updates on activities and photos can be seen by

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parents. Parents will be able leave comments and suggestions in their own time. More details to follow.

- The notice board in the entrance hall is now decorated by a different room each month so it is always attractive and helps draw people's attention to it.
- We are sharing more great moments and forthcoming events on our Facebook page so parents and friends of St George's can see what the children are up to and what we have planned for the coming months.

#### Our Environment

- Our newly decorated meeting room is now giving parents and staff the privacy to talk to each other when necessary.
- The new carpet in communal areas has been laid and gives the building a fresh look.
- We are looking to introduce extra-curricular activities at St George's. More to follow.
- Our menu is continuously reviewed and improved and now contains less sugar.
- Our new sand area and improved baby corner in the garden have enhanced the children's outdoors experience.

#### Suggestion

- Parents are invited to volunteer to help set up St George's Parents Association which will help us organise future fundraising and social events for St George's.

Thank You

**Don't forget! Follow us on Facebook!**

## Dates for the diary

10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Last Day for Little Dragons for Half Term
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Holiday Club
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Squirrels are celebrating St Valentine's Day
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Little Dragons First Day of Term
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Badgers and Little Dragons are celebrating Pancake Day

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2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	World Book Day
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Red Nose Day
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Mothering Sunday
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Little Dragons Coffee Morning
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Little Dragons Last Day for Easter

**Don't forget if you have any questions about your child's care or St George's in general then please let us know.**

**We want to do everything we can to provide our children with the very best possible start in life, so your comments and feedback are really valued.**

**Thanks so much for your support,**

**Morgane and the St George's team**