

## Fundraising

### Parents Social Evening

The staff and board members of St George's would like to thank all the parents that were able to attend our Parents Social Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. It was a lovely evening and we were pleased to have the opportunity to get to know some of our parents a little better and thank you for all the support that you give St George's, which is very much appreciated!

### Charity Race Night



We are holding a Charity Race Night for St George's at Tunbridge Wells Football Club on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 7.15 onwards, which promises to be lots of fun. Tickets are £10 each and include a ploughman's supper and a licenced bar will be available. Hopefully you are able to join us but if you're not able to come along on the night you can still join in the fun by either sponsoring a race for £20/owning and naming a horse for £2/naming a jockey for £2 - winning owners and jockeys will receive a bottle of wine. To buy tickets and/or participate please contact Becky in the office or email her on [becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk).

### Christmas Fair

Please save the date for St George's annual Christmas Fair, which will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11am to 2pm. If you have any suggestions for the fair or wish to volunteer to help, Becky would love to hear from you on the above contact details.

### Charity of The Year

We are always looking for companies to choose St George's as their Charity of the Year – if you work for a company or know of a company who may be interested in choosing St George's, we would be extremely grateful if you could put us forward. For more information on why St George's are a charity and how we help to support children and parents who are struggling due to domestic violence, illness, mental health issues or financial hardship, please email Becky on [becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk](mailto:becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk).

## WELCOME

We have had a great start to the new academic year this month and have welcomed many new children across the nursery and Little Dragons. There are plenty of things to look forward to in the coming months- please look over our updated Parents Newsletter to find out more.

### Building work at St George's

We are currently having some essential repair to the Badgers balcony so for the rest of this week the level access and gate into the playground will be out of use. We apologise for the inconvenience and are happy to help anyone with buggies up and down the front steps.

### Entry to St George's

Please can we ask parents to ring the room their child attends as the staff in those rooms know who they should be letting in, unless there is a sign on the door. Also, please can you not let other parents into the building when you enter- this is for the children's safety.





## Little Dragons



Little Dragons have had a lovely start to the term. We have welcomed new children and two new members of staff. Everyone is settling in well and are enjoying getting to know each other. Our topics this term is Superheroes and Autumn. We have also been talking about healthy eating and planning what to plant in our allotment this year. The children did some weeding and picked some carrots, beetroot and flowers from the garden. We are looking forward to getting out into the woods this Autumn and have two trips to Southborough woods planned for October.

## Diary Dates



Race Night fundraiser	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Little Dragons last day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
October Holiday Club (available to book now)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October-25 <sup>th</sup> October
Little Dragons return	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
St George's Christmas Fair	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Badgers Christmas Nativity	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December

## Sickness

If a child is brought into St George's with a high temperature, sickness and/or diarrhoea (48 hours exclusion applies) or contagious infection or disease we will refuse to take the child. This is to reduce the spread of any infection to the other children. Please see our Sickness Policy on our website.

## After School Club



We welcome the After School Club children back after the summer holidays and we have 9 new children that have now started in the After School Club, some from Badgers and Little Dragons and are loving it already.

The theme this month for After School Club is 'Autumn' and the children have decorated and painted leaves for our tree display.

They have also had two new giant P.E. ropes and the children are having great fun with them.

# Moles

**Moles** have been creating an Autumnal board in their room. They found leaves, pinecones and sticks to explore textures and create pictures with as well as using other materials they have made hedgehog rolls and hedgehog biscuits.

Moles had fun making a car park in the garden using loose parts. They had a ticket stand where they had so much fun pretending to collect money and buy tickets.



# Garden



Each room has their own plot in the allotment and so many of the children enjoy planting and using garden tools.

They plant seeds and watch them grow and this month the children have been picking runner beans and have given them to Sherrell and her team to use in the cooking for the nursery.

# Badgers

## Staff

We are pleased to introduce you to three new members of staff;



Alison is working in Little Dragons.



Niki is now working in Little Dragons too.



Teresa is now working in the kitchen with Sherrell and Julie.

Badgers theme is now Autumn and the children have been creating some lovely work for their theme Board in the room.

The staff have arranged to take some of the children on a couple of trips to Southborough Common in October with Little Dragons children too.

Badgers celebrated Pirate day by dressing up and making a boat from loose parts materials in the playground, hunting for treasure and then they made cakes.



# Squirrels

**Squirrels** this month have been exploring different textures and different 'mark making' techniques. The staff cooked some spaghetti and tapioca and then coloured it with food dye.

We then watched the children as they would then pick up the spaghetti with either a pincer grip (between finger and thumb) or their whole hand. This is helping to develop their fine motor skills.

The children have also used different materials and toys to make marks with paint onto paper. They have used brushes, sponges, cars, trains, balls and most importantly their hands.



## Gallery



## Holiday Club

The summer Holiday Club was a blast; we finished the summer with a trip to Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve where the children were able to explore a Forest School Classroom, help one another along a Nature Trail and had the fantastic opportunity to become fully emerged in the pond dipping activity that was available on the day. The children particularly enjoyed having the freedom to assess the possible risks and took this opportunity to discuss the hazards and educate their peers before and after entering the pond. We hope to see both new and old faces returning next summer and are looking forward to the October Holiday Club.

