



REMINDER:

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Welcome

As the Summer comes to an end, we can look back at the different types of weather we have had over the past few months. Whether it has been during the heatwave or the recent storms, the children have enjoyed an array of activities; Moles have had fun cooling off with the water hose in the garden when it was hot, and Badgers have been creative making rain clouds to display in their room.

As Autumn begins, we can look forward to harvesting some food from the allotment and using it in the kitchen.

School Leavers – we would like to say goodbye and good luck to all the children leaving to start school in September. Have fun!

Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that Nenita Goodship, has officially been appointed Childcare Manager from 1st September. She has been a valuable member of the team and has done an amazing job since becoming Deputy Manager last year and especially during lockdown.

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 Operations and Communications Co-ordinator will be in the office Monday all day, Tuesday, Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings and working from home the rest of the week.



Morgane – the Business Manager will be in Tuesday, Thursday mornings and all-day Wednesdays from 2nd week of September and working from home for the rest of the week.

NEWS/ INFORMATION

- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up
- We are still separating the entrances for the rooms and hand sanitiser units at the main door and back gate.
- Please adhere to social distancing at the entrances
- We are asking parents not to come into the office- instead asking them to call or email info@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk

Little Dragons

- There will be a staggered drop off for Little Dragons and the staff will be in touch about when this will be.

ParentZone

- Please make sure you update your ParentZone app from 2nd September 2020.

Car Seats



- Please ensure that if you collect your child or children by car, that you have the correct car seat for them.
- We have a duty of care to ensure they leave the premises safely.

ST GEORGE'S END OF SUMMER RAFFLE

Unfortunately, like so many things this year, all our fundraising events have had to be cancelled, which is so disappointing for everyone. Not only does it mean our fundraising income has been greatly reduced but more importantly we have been unable to socialise with our lovely children, parents, staff and supporters in the way we normally do, especially at our Annual Summer Fair – we really do miss you

However, we are running an “End of Summer Raffle”, which is aimed to raise funds for our Keep St George’s Going Campaign, whereby all the children that attend St George’s will benefit. Obviously, due to current restrictions, we cannot sell actual raffle tickets but are inviting you to purchase numbers remotely, at a cost of **£2 per number or 6 numbers for £10**. If you, your family and/or friends would like to support us by purchasing some numbers for the raffle, here’s how you can take part:-

- Email Becky, our Fundraising Manager, on becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk advising how many numbers you wish to buy, your name and telephone number, then make payment direct into our account – Bank information Account: 80022448, sort code 55-70-13 – quoting reference ‘RAFF’ followed by your name.
- Put cash/cheque in an envelope clearly writing on the outside your name, telephone number and email address, and drop off at St George’s.
- Call the office (01892 543982) and make payment over the phone, leaving your name, email address and telephone number when doing so.

Once payment is received Becky will allocate your numbers and confirm them to you by email. The closing date for the raffle is Wednesday 30th September and the winning numbers will be drawn and announced on Friday 2nd October.

Here is the list of fabulous prizes to be won :-

1st Prize - £200 Childrensalon Gift Voucher

2nd Prize – Fitbit Inspire

3rd Prize – Luxury Hamper

4th Prize – Magnum of Champagne

5th Prize – £50 Cash

6th Prize – Case of Wine

7th Prize – Pamper Hamper



We do hope you are able to support the raffle and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Becky at becky.king@stgeorgeschildcare.co.uk.

Diary Dates



Summer Holiday Club	Thursday 23 rd July- Wednesday 2 nd September
St George’s is closed	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 31 st August
Invoices resume for bookings	Tuesday 1 st September
Little Dragons existing children return	Monday 7 th September
Little Dragons new starters begin	Monday 14 th September
After School Club	Thursday 3 rd September for St John’s only

Little Dragons

Little Dragons staff are gearing up for an exciting new term starting in September.

The team are looking forward to welcoming new children to the group from Monday 14th September as well as welcoming back the children already enrolled on Monday 7th September.

The staff are looking forward to hearing all about their summer adventures and what your families have been up during lockdown.

The team will be in touch about staggering the arrival and collection times of Little Dragons so we can maintain social distancing and keep each other safe.



Squirrels



This month in Squirrels they have been looking and learning their colours and have also been very physical.

They used a variety of colours to make a rocket for their space theme. The children have also enjoyed balancing on steppingstones and finding different ways to sue them.

We have used the giant soft blocks to build towers, sit on and lay on.

Hedgehogs

This month Hedgehogs have been exploring the theme 'under the sea'.

The children have enjoyed filling the trays with dark blue dyed water and adding fish, turtles and whales.

The children have also enjoyed painting jellyfish and seashells - which are now on full display in the room.

At story time, the children have loved reading the animal books which led to 'fish faces' and the children used their hands as crab claws 'pinch pinch'.

The Hedgehogs are also very happy to have their own vegetable patch, where they have had fun watering and picking fruits and vegetables.



Moles

New staff



Aimee has started in the Moles room.



Katie has started working with the Squirrels team.

Nicola will be joining us in September in the Moles room.



Moles have been focusing on summer and making lots of activities around beach themes as lots of them have been telling us about their trips to the beach.

The children have enjoyed playing outside in the sun especially getting hosed down by Charleigh!

Moles have just put up the canopy on the balcony so they can use this space more. The children will really enjoy this outside space and the team look forward to using it in all weathers with the children.

Holiday Club

We have had the most fun 5 weeks at Holiday Club this summer. We have been getting creative, with tie die, balloon painting, clay modelling, acrylic rock painting, jewellery making, sewing, roc modelling, hair braids and much more!

We have also found out some new facts doing some science experiments. We used our business minds and creativity to play the apprentice where we were asked to think up a new invention or creation. We have had lots of competitions. The pirate game, similar to bingo, we had to win as much money as we could. Win it in a minute, a game of luck and speed. Bowling championship, where we were all trying hard to get a strike. We had a fencing lesson, where we learnt to advance and attack. Spaghetti towers where we were challenged to build London bridge, or the Eiffel tower using only spaghetti or marshmallows.

We made our own cinema which we named 'St Georges Cinema featuring Holiday club'. We made tickets and popcorn holders. We had a security guard and ushers who brought us popcorn throughout the movie.

We have made a lot of loom band jewellery and acrylic painted rocks which we have been selling at our stall every lunch time and afternoon. So far, we have made around £50 which we will spend on some new toys for holiday club and after school club.

All the children have really bonded and made some amazing friendships, we have seen them all grow in confidence over the weeks.

Nikki, Laura, Julia, Kath and Emilia have really enjoyed spending time with the children and making messy and fun memories.



Otters

Otters had a great time at 'The Otters Who Came to Tea' leavers party this month. They enjoyed a party tea, pass the parcel, musical statues and spending time with their friends.

We have been continuing the our traditional stories theme- the children have been learning new songs for each one and using their imaginations to act them out.

Next term, Otters start their Autumn theme and are looking forward to seeing the outcome of their sponsored treasured hunt (information to follow on later).

The Otters team wish all their school leavers, success at the new schools in September!



Badgers



This month we have tried to stay cool by making and eating ice lollies, doing calming yoga and having water play with the hoses in the garden.

We tried some coconut this month, we had great fun trying to crack them open then the children tried the water and the fruit (not many liked it :) but they did have fun playing with the shells.

Other activities include a treasure hunt, making paper aeroplanes, creating animal masks and designing weather mobiles.

The leavers party was a great success, the Badgers enjoyed dancing to music, having their faces painted, playing pass the party and playing with balloons.

We have said goodbye to some of the school leavers already and we wish them all the best on their new journey at big school!