



# Newsletter

July/August 2011

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish all children leaving us the very best of luck and happiness in the next stage of their learning journey. We are thrilled that so many of the children are very excited to go to big school. We hope that you will all remember your time at St George's fondly and will come back and see us at our fairs. Please see Dates for the Diary overleaf and mark them on your calendar.*

## Project News

Early years funding: if your child turns 3 before or on 31<sup>st</sup> August, they are eligible for early years funding. However, you must come into the office to sign a declaration. **No signature - No funding!** For children new to the scheme, we will also need sight of their birth certificate.

## Nursery news

**Working in partnership with Parents survey – a plea from Kym:** 'The attached questionnaire is not only to help me on my Early Years degree course but also to help St George's enhance the way it works in partnership with our parents. This partnership enables us to provide a learning environment where your child can grow and develop. St George's is committed to developing a greater relationship with parents where we can exchange more information and meet the individual needs of your child. I would be very grateful if you could return this questionnaire by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August'.

**Your input into our menu:** we aim to provide a well-balanced menu which the children enjoy. In September, we are launching a new seasonal menu and we would welcome any thoughts and suggestions from our parents and children. Please take a moment to add some ideas on the form attached.

**Staff news:** Congratulations to Calum who has passed his NVQ level 3 in childcare and development. Sophie has completed her first year of her foundation degree in Early Years which means she is now qualified to Level 4.

**Big school leavers party** will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Please see notices in the relevant rooms for more information.



## Little Dragons: News and Dates for the Diary

Over the summer holidays, we will be reorganising and redesigning the space in Little Dragons to maximise the overall play and learning environment.

Sports days were a great success, thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun. We raised £300 which will go towards our refurbishment budget.

Please note that the start of the Autumn term is **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept**



## Questionnaire for Parents

	Yes	No
Do you feel you have enough involvement in your child's learning at nursery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know who your child's key worker is?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you regularly look at your child's file?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If not why?		
If you do look at the file do you ever write any comments or observations in it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you do not write in file why not?		
Would you like to be more involved in the planning at nursery for your child's learning and development?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If not why?		
How can we help you to be involved in your child's learning at nursery?		



# 2011-2012 Menu suggestions

Please add your thoughts and suggestions below

Snack
Main course
Dessert
Any other comments

Many thanks, please return to the office.





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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the years the St. George's Community Children's Project has built up an enviable reputation as *the* place to come for childcare in Tunbridge Wells. So you will not be surprised to learn that we have once again managed to keep our fee increases to a minimum whilst maintaining the highest level of care for your child. These small increases are effective from September 2011.

The fees overleaf reflect a fully catered for service, however if you would particularly like to provide packed snacks and meals please do feel free to discuss this with a member of staff and ensure that the office is aware of the alterations. We are of course more than happy to discuss your child's dietary needs and will welcome your comments on the attached form as well as in open discussion at our Food Forum meetings.

Please note that if your child is attending our Holiday Club you will need to provide them with a packed lunch, tea and snacks will be provided, this is effective from September 2011.

The cost of our subsidised places for disadvantaged children will remain the same, and I would like to remind you that these fees are met with fundraised monies **not** from your own fees.

With regard to the After School Club we must remind you that we will be making a charge as usual if your child's primary school decides to close for an inset day.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish you a lovely summer and confirm that for those children coming to the holiday scheme that the increase in fees does not come in to effect until after the school holidays.

Yours sincerely

Christine Baker  
Project Manager

## ST GEORGE'S CHILDRENS COMMUNITY PROJECT

### NEW FEES 2011/2012

Please note that children may not be left after 6pm as this infringes our registration and insurance. In the event of this happening 'Late Collection' fees will be charged

### FEES WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2011

***All children aged 3 and over will be entitled to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year free of charge subject to availability . Some 2 year old children will be entitled to free places providing they can meet KCC criteria and St George's availability. (please ask in the office for advice)***

### NURSERY

- Sessions: 8.00am to 1pm or 1pm to 6.00pm
- Under two's standard charge: £25.00 per session. £50.00 per day
- Under three's standard charge is: £23.50 per session. £47.00 per day
- Over three's standard charge is: £21.50 per session. £43.00 per day
- Fully catered

#### Subsidised Sessions

- To support families receiving Income Support Benefit
- 2 afternoon sessions per week (subject to availability) £6.00 per session.

#### Families in temporary/bed and breakfast accommodation:

- Places may be available at £3 per session until benefits are received then the rate will increase to £6 per session in line with other subsidised sessions.

#### Additional Hours

- For ex St George's nursery children starting part-time school 12 noon to 6pm £25.00
- Fully catered

Late collection after 1pm £3.50 After 1.15pm the late collection fee will be charged.

\* See Late Collection

### LITTLE DRAGONS PLAYGROUP

- Morning sessions 9.00am to 12.00 noon £11.70
- Afternoon sessions 12.45pm to 3.45pm £11.70
- Late collection: £3.50 until 12.15pm or 4.00pm

\* See Late Collection

### AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

- Collection from school until 6pm. £14.00 per evening.
- If you deliver your child to St Georges £13.50 per evening.

If your child is being collected from school to join our After School Club please ensure that you telephone St Georges by 2.30pm if your child is **not** to be collected. If you do not let us know that your child does not need collecting there will be a penalty charge of £10.00

\* See Late Collection after 6pm

### HOLIDAY CLUB

- Sessions: 8.00am to 1pm or 1pm to 6pm
- Morning or Afternoon only £17.50
- All day – 8.00am to 6pm £35.00
- Packed lunch required

Late collection after 1pm - £3.50 until 1.15pm

\*See Late Collection after 6pm

**Late Collection Charge. This charge applies to the Nursery, After School Club or Holiday Club after 6pm and the Little Dragons Playgroup after 12.15pm/4pm**

**The "Late Collection Charge". £20 is strictly administered for any time after 6pm/1pm up until 15mins late (Little Dragons 12.15pm/4pm) and a further £20 for any part of a further 15 minute period.**

**(See our Uncollected Children Policy for children still on site 45 minutes after collection time.)**