

# St Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 14th October 2022

Happy Birthday!



Dates for your Diary

21.10.2022—Last day of half term

02.11.2022—FS2 Vision Screening

World Nursery Rhyme Week—14.11.2022

Children in Need—18.11.2022

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had at St. Christopher's and Sunflowers! Last week we were joined by Ms Tricia Wood, our Early Years Advisor and some members of the School Governance Committee who came to visit us to take part in a Learning Walk. As a setting we are always looking to improve and ensure that we are offering the best experiences to our learners, we welcomed their feedback and look forward to further visits from the SGC. At the end of her visit Ms Wood said, 'lovely to see how all the children have settled back into their new term & some impressive work seen during my visit by children as well as great professional development opportunities for all staff, thank you for an enjoyable and successful visit'.

We are excited to welcome Emma to the team in Sunflowers. Emma has taken up the role of Deputy Manager and brings with her a wealth of experience. Sunflowers have also welcomed some new children and we are looking forward to getting to know them as they settle in.

In the last fortnight, we offered a Maths themed parent workshop to our FS2 parents. We had some really positive feedback with one parent saying:

*'I found the workshop very interesting and useful, this was new to me and it made total sense.'*

Looking ahead to after half term, we are exploring what sessions we can offer for our FS1 and Sunflowers families. If you have any special requests, please do get in touch with Vicky or Megan. We have already had a request for a workshop on myHappyMind and will be looking to offer this early next half term. For those of you that haven't yet explored the parent App, we do recommend having a look.

As this is the last newsletter before half term, we will take the opportunity to wish you all a well earned rest after what has been an action packed couple of months. We are so impressed with how well the children have settled this term and are looking forward to more adventures after the holidays.

## What have we been up to?



In Sunflowers we continue to welcome and settle our new friends. The toddlers have been looking at their own family photos and talking about how each of our families are different. We have been working really hard to promote self-independence and resilience, encouraging our children to try first before asking for adult support. This includes toileting, pouring their own drinks and feeding themselves unaided. Outside in the garden they have planted carrot seeds, we are very excited to see how long they will grow! The older children have taught the younger ones how to play "What is the time Mr wolf" This seems to be a firm favourite, although a few of the younger children were initially a little unsure of the wolf! Our babies have ventured outside a lot over the past couple of weeks, enjoying the sand and water play in our garden. The kitchen role play area has definitely been a popular place for our one year olds to explore. This week we have introduced a lending library service for our core session children, we hope that you enjoy reading the books at home with your children.

In FS1 the children have been exploring their sense of touch, using a feely bag and some fruit, they had to describe and guess at what was hidden in the bag. This is a great game to play at home too! Out in the garden the children have been exploring the joy that is a cardboard box. Over the course of this week, they have been bedrooms, pets and have now been turned into robots! In PE, they have continued working on becoming independent and have been practising putting socks and shoes on. They have also been developing their balancing skills using the apparatus in the hall. They thought this was great fun and experimented with different ways of moving along the benches. In Drawing Club, the children designed a new house for the Three Bears.



Alongside the FS1 children, FS2 have loved exploring the cardboard boxes that were shared with us. Their imaginations have been truly inspiring and who knew how many things a box could become. We particularly liked the robot voices that went with the robot designs. In Drawing Club, the children created a map to show Goldilocks how to get home and this inspired a wide range of maps in Free Flow. This also built on the children's tour of Four Corners earlier in the week. In PE the children had to design and make their own obstacle course, finding ways to get from one side of the hall to the other without touching the floor. We saw some great team work skills on display!



### A message from St. Christopher's...

We are working with the children to help them develop their independence. We would really appreciate it if you could help them practise putting on their shoes and socks and using a knife and fork.

Thank you

### myHappymind

As we come to the end of our unit **Meet Your Brain**, we will be sending out the parent pack for this unit. It is full of ideas you can try at home.



# Something to try at home...

## Life Skills

Practise these skills at home with your child to help them develop their independence and motor skills.



Zipping and unzipping a coat.

Peeling fruit like bananas and satsumas.



Putting on shoes on the correct feet.



Getting dressed.



Washing and drying hands.



Pouring water or milk from a jug into a cup.



Using a knife to spread things like butter or jam.



Using cutlery to eat a meal.



Doing up and undoing buttons.

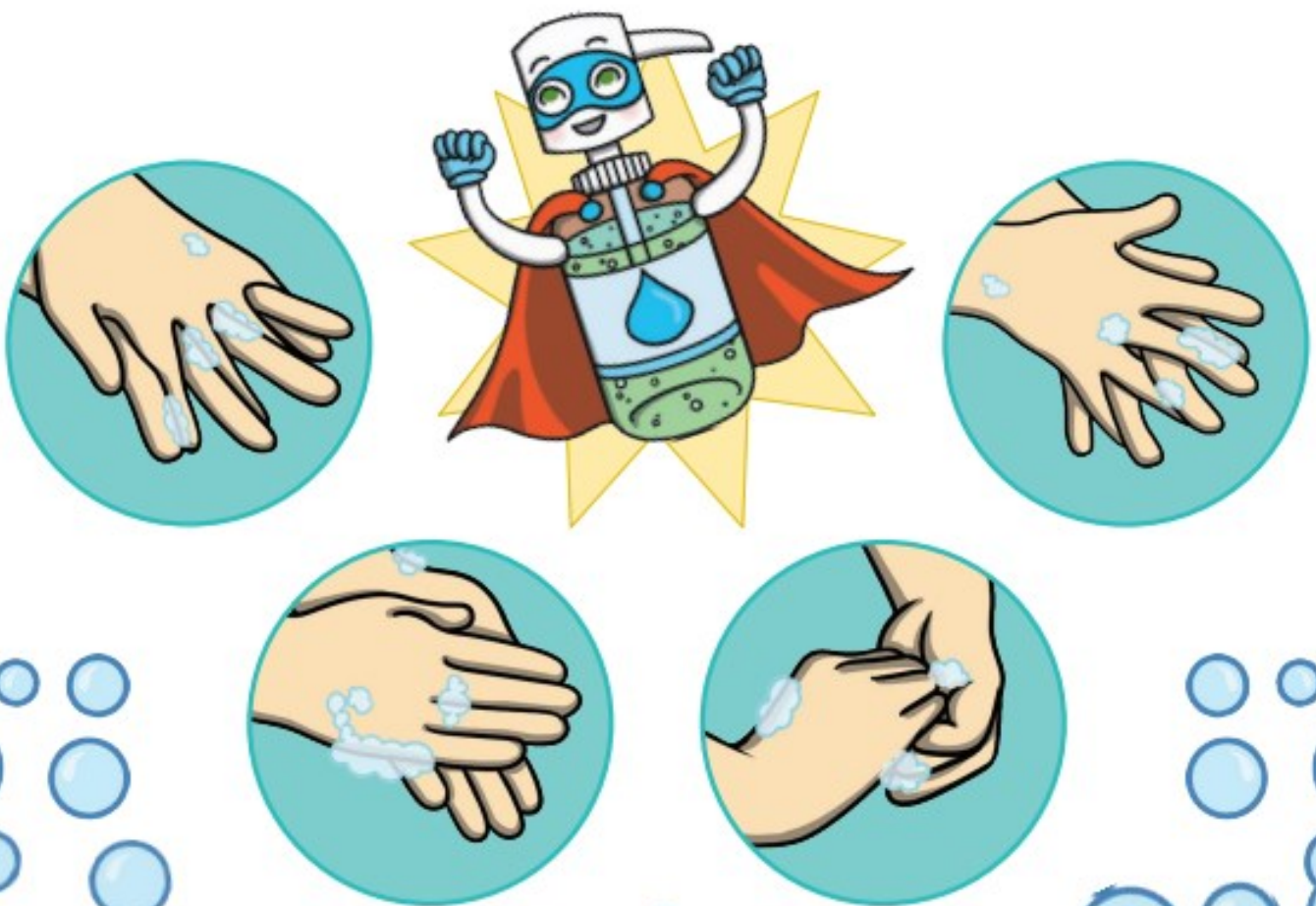


# Wash Your Hands with ★ Super Soap ★

Over, under, round and through,  
Don't forget to add soap too.

Clean, clean, clean and then you'll know,  
Down the sink the germs will go.

Over, under, round and through,  
Don't forget to dry them too.



**Global Handwashing Day—Saturday 15th October**