

St Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 25th November 2022

★ Happy Birthday! ★

Mrs Cawood



Dates for your Diary

28.11.2022/29.11.2022 St. Christopher's Parent Consultations

30.11.2022—BFBS Christmas Lights Switch On

07.12.2022—FS2 Visit to King's Chapel and The Convent

08.12.2022—Christmas Jumper Day

08.12.2022—Sunflowers Christmas Stay and Play

16.12.2022—Nativity Performance (FS1 and FS2)

19.12.2022—Hanukkah Stay and Play

It feels like the count down to Christmas has well and truly begun this week as the children have been practising their songs for the BFBS Christmas Lights Switch On. We hope to see lots of you there and have attached the words to this newsletter so you can have a go at home as well. Next week will see FS1 and FS2 begin work on our Christmas production, we hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are. It is always one of the highlights of the year!

Last week saw us joining in with World Nursery Rhyme Week and we were so impressed with how well the children picked up the new rhymes that we explored. We thought the children sounded great and we hope some of you heard us on BFBS. We also want to say a huge thank you for your donations to Children in Need, we were able to raise over £35 and our certificate is on display in the entrance.

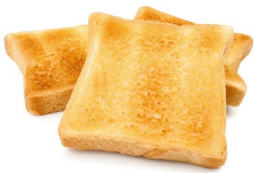
This week we offered a Parent Workshop about myHappymind, the wellbeing programme we are offering to our children this year. We were so pleased to hear that the children are beginning to talk about it and use some of the strategies at home. The slides from the session and the code to gain FREE access to the parent app is already up on Tapestry.

Looking ahead to next week, Sunflowers are beginning to host their parent chats and FS1 and FS2 are hosting Parent Consultations. If you haven't signed up yet, the boards are up outside the main entrance. We hope to see you all there.

What have we been up to?



Last week we celebrated Nursery Rhyme week and Children in Need. We learnt a new nursery rhyme everyday and had spot and coloured themed tables, which the children enjoyed finding their own items in a certain colours or covered in spots and adding them to the corresponding table. We also had spot hunting, where children had to see how many spots they could find hiding around the setting, it was a great little treasure hunt. This week we have been learning about Road safety for Road Safety week, we have been playing Stop and Go in our Hall Session, teaching children what to do when there is a red light and a green light. In baby room they have been focusing on jigsaw puzzles and developing their fine motor skills. This week we have announced on Tapestry our Christmas Jumper Day Stay and Play Session. It will be held on the 8th of December from 11:30-12:30, we would love if you could join us for all things Christmas, and look forward to seeing you!



In the last fortnight the children have been very busy taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week! They were recorded by BFBS and sounded brilliant! Throughout the week the children were offered opportunities to take part in a range of activities linked to the different rhymes. This ranged from exploring floating and sinking to making props to use while singing. The children also took part in Children in Need celebrations and looked brilliant in their spotty outfits.

As you know we have been carefully looking after our caterpillars and watching them progress through their life cycle and this week we were able to release some beautiful white butterflies into the garden. This has been a very special experience for the children and they were so excited to see them fly around the garden.



FS1 went on a visit to Eroski this week and we were so impressed with how well they behaved and listened to instructions. They used their 'big' voices to tell the waitress what they wanted to drink and even had a go at using some Spanish. They then had to carefully read their shopping lists and work together to find all of the items.



In FS2 the children have been learning about their character strengths and have been noticing and celebrating when their friends demonstrate these strengths in the classroom.



BFBS Christmas Lights Switch On

Come and join us at the BFBS Christmas Lights Switch On! We have been asked to sing a few songs with the children and have attached the words to this letter. It would be great if you could have a practise at home!

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A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend our workshop on Tuesday. Details of how to access the FREE parent app can be found on Tapestry.



Something to try at home...



EYFS Weather

Home Learning Challenges



Can you make a rain gauge to find out how much rain has fallen in your garden or outside space? Put a plastic container or the bottom half of a plastic bottle outside. How much rain have you collected after a few days? How could you measure the amount of rain you've collected?

Make a weather chart and record the weather for a week. Write the days of the week on the chart and each day draw a picture to show the weather for that day. How many different types of weather did you have?

The next time it rains, go out puddle jumping with a grown-up. Put on your wellies and jump in the puddles. What words would you use to describe the puddles? What sounds can you hear when you jump in them?

On a sunny day, we sometimes hang our washing on the line for the sun to dry. If you had 4 T-shirts hanging on the washing line and 4 skirts, how many things would there be altogether? Draw the washing to find the answer.

Do you know all of the colours in a rainbow? - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Go on a rainbow hunt in your home or on a walk. See if you can find something for each colour of the rainbow. When you have finished, try to draw your own rainbow using all the colours.

Pour a little pile of flour onto a table. Imagine that the flour is snow. What would you like to do in the snow? Spread the snow out on the table with your hands. Can you make patterns in the snow? Can you write your name?



Christmas Lights Song

(Sing to the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'.)

Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas lights,
On the tree and shining bright.
Lots of colours can be seen,
Red and yellow, blue and green.
Twinkle, twinkle, Christmas lights,
On the tree and shining bright.

Christmas lights of gold and white,
See them shining through the night.
Christmas lights are all around,
Lots of colours to be found.
Christmas lights of gold and white,
See them shining through the night.



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Father Christmas Song

(Sing to the tune of 'Frère Jacques'/'Are You Sleeping?')

Father Christmas, Father Christmas,
In his sleigh, in his sleigh.
Rudolph's shiny red nose, Rudolph's shiny red nose,
Lights the way, lights the way!

Father Christmas, Father Christmas,
Hear him go, hear him go,
"Have a merry Christmas," "Have a merry Christmas,"
"Ho, ho, ho," "ho, ho, ho!"



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BFBS Christmas Lights Switch On

Five Little Elves Song

(Sing to the tune of '5 Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day'.)

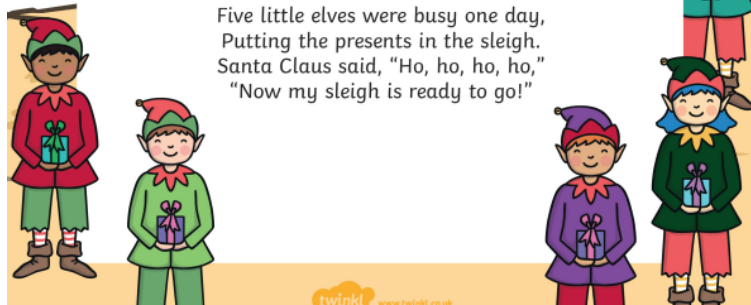
One little elf was busy one day,
Putting the presents in the sleigh.
Santa Claus said, "Ho, ho, ho, ho,"
But the sleigh wasn't ready to go!

Two little elves were busy one day,
Putting the presents in the sleigh.
Santa Claus said, "Ho, ho, ho, ho,"
But the sleigh wasn't ready to go!

Three little elves were busy one day,
Putting the presents in the sleigh.
Santa Claus said, "Ho, ho, ho, ho,"
But the sleigh wasn't ready to go!

Four little elves were busy one day,
Putting the presents in the sleigh.
Santa Claus said, "Ho, ho, ho, ho,"
But the sleigh wasn't ready to go!

Five little elves were busy one day,
Putting the presents in the sleigh.
Santa Claus said, "Ho, ho, ho, ho,"
"Now my sleigh is ready to go!"



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**Christmas pudding,
Christmas pudding,**

**Steaming hot,
steaming hot,**

**Sprinkle on the sugar,
sprinkle on the sugar,**

**Eat it up,
eat it up.**



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