

# St Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 10th February 2023

★ Happy Birthday! ★

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## Dates for your Diary

**6-12.02.2023—Children's Mental Health Week**

**17.02.2023—Last day of half term**

**27.02.2023— First day of new half term**

**02.03.2023—World Book Day (Dress Up Day)**

**06.03.2023/07.03.2023—St. Christopher's Parent Consultations**

**31.03.2023—INSET Day (both St. Christopher's and Sunflowers closed for staff training)**

*It has been another action packed few weeks at St. Christopher's EYFS and Sunflowers. At the end of January we spent time learning about Lunar New Year and explored some of the places it is celebrated. The children looked great in their red outfits and St Christopher's were delighted to welcome parents into setting for a Stay and Play session. Last week saw us welcome Dr. Philippa Grace, DCS Educational Psychologist who came to deliver training to staff. As part of her visit Philippa also delivered some Parent Workshops and it was lovely to see everybody who was able to attend those sessions, we hope you found them useful. We were also delighted to welcome Health Visitor Jackie Crawford, who joined the children in Free Flow and taught them about how to look after a baby.*

*This week we have been proud to take part in Children's Mental Health Week and have been exploring the theme 'Let's Connect'. Resources have been shared on Tapestry if you would like to find out more and further resources and advice can be found at [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/). We also marked Safer Internet Day by reminding children about what to do if they see something online that they don't like. Again, more information has been shared on Tapestry. Finally, we also offered a Drop In session for parents where both Miss Stephens and Mrs Harman were available to answer any questions families had in relation to Phonics and Reading.*

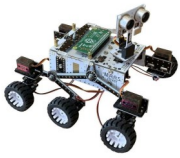
*It really feels like we haven't stopped since starting back after the holidays and it has been lovely to see our new families settling in. Behind the scenes we have been busy working on some new materials for parents, so that we can share more information about our expectations of children at each of the transition points within the setting. We are hoping to have these ready for after half term and will share these with you at Parent Consultation meetings.*

*Finally, we just want to give you advanced notice about one of our favourite events of the academic calendar...World Book Day! This annual celebration of books and reading will take place on Thursday 2nd March and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character. There is no need to buy a costume, some of the best ones we have ever seen were home made.*

## What have we been up to?



In Sunflowers we have been getting ready for valentines with red, white and pink arts and crafts and of course a touch of glitter! In the morning the children have also been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears; complete with it's very own story table for the children to retell and act out the story. They even made their own porridge! In the afternoon the children have been junk modelling, making their own fish and exploring a messy play small world farm, which even included chocolate mud. The Baby Room has been exploring the theme 'Space'. We set up a space tuff spot which helped to promote communication and sharing with our friends. We have used mixed media materials to create Space themed master pieces too! Each morning we have practised singing Nursery Rhymes and trying to do the actions as well.



Last week we started a mini project all about Space! In the malleable area the children have been busy creating special playdough and in the small world area there is a rocket and some space vehicles that are being put to good use. In the woodwork area, FS2 have been working carefully to create their own Mars rover and we have been astounded by some of their models. They worked hard to measure and cut the pieces of wood and thought about the best joining methods to use. Meanwhile, in the junk modelling area, FS1 have been busy creating rockets. Again, we have seen some incredibly creative designs and the children had a lot to say about their models.

At Snack time, we have been experimenting with different soup recipes and FS2 have been helping to prepare the vegetables. So far, the tomato and red pepper soup is our favourite. We are also keeping a close eye on the vegetables in the garden to see if any of them can be put in our soup too!

During Free Flow the children have been working on their sewing skills and some of the FS2's have created their own puppets. The children have also been experimenting with coding while playing with Cubetto.

We have been having fun reading lots of Space themed books, including Whatever Next! and Way Back Home. There are also lots of non-fiction books and we have been finding out about the astronaut Mae Jemison.



### Lost Clothing

Please can you check your child's uniform and make sure it has their name in it. We have had reports of a number of lost items and we want to be able to return them if possible.

Illness—We know that there are a whole host of bugs going around at the moment. Can you please remind children about the importance of catching coughs and sneezes and washing their hands. If your child is not well enough to come to setting, please let us know so that we can record their absence accordingly. This can be done by calling either Sunflowers (+2005 3648) or St. Christopher's (+350 2005 3540)

### Threadworms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

Please be aware we have had reports of threadworms within the setting. For more information, please see the NHS website above.

# Something to try at home...

## Space

### Home Learning Challenges

Rocket on a string - Make a simple cardboard tube rocket with a deflated balloon taped to it, thread a string through the tube and ask two people to hold either end. Then ask an adult to blow up the balloon and release it. How far will your rocket travel?



Develop and teach your family your own alien language - what word could you use for 'hello'? How about 'blooba', 'floppa' or 'cookaboo'? You choose - it's your alien language!



10 little aliens went flying one night until 6 flew away - how many are left? You could draw a picture or use your fingers to help you work out the answer!

Go outside when it is dark, or look out of the window and talk about what you can see. Can you count the stars? Can you find the moon? Does the sky change from one night to the next?



Plan a tea party on the moon for the aliens. You could draw pictures of the food you want at the party. Think about what kind of food an alien might like - star biscuits, rocket jelly or moon cheese balls, the possibilities are endless!



Create a vehicle that you could use to travel into space. What would it look like? You could create a rocket using cardboard tubes, a spacecraft using old boxes or you could design a different type of vehicle to get you there!





## Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Five little men in a flying saucer,  
Flew round the Earth one day,  
They looked left and right but they didn't like the sight,  
So one man flew away.

Four little men in a flying saucer,  
Flew round the Earth one day,  
They looked left and right but they didn't like the sight,  
So one man flew away.

Three little men in a flying saucer,  
Flew round the Earth one day,  
They looked left and right but they didn't like the sight,  
So one man flew away.

Two little men in a flying saucer,  
Flew round the Earth one day,  
They looked left and right but they didn't like the sight,  
So one man flew away.

One little man in a flying saucer,  
Flew round the Earth one day,  
He looked left and right but he didn't like the sight,  
So one man flew away.

