

St Christopher's EYFS News

Thursday 30th March 2023

★ Happy Birthday! ★

Marshall
Harry



Dates for your Diary

31.03.2023—INSET Day (both St. Christopher's and Sunflowers closed for staff training) and last day of term 2.

07.04.2023—Bank Holiday—Sunflowers Closed

10.04.2023—Bank Holiday—Sunflowers Closed

11.04.2023—First Day of Term 3

12.05.2023—INSET Day (both St. Christopher's and Sunflowers closed for staff training)

We have been loving the warm, sunny weather over the last fortnight and have been making the most of it by spending time outdoors. This means the children have lots of opportunity to spend time outside. It is therefore incredibly important that they are protected against the sun. A copy of our sun protection policy has been uploaded to Tapestry. When we return from the Easter break, we are asking that all children come to school each day with a hat. Wide brimmed or legionnaire style hats offer the most protection and would be what we would recommend. We will be instigating a 'No Hat, No Play' approach and children will not be allowed to play in the garden without a hat, so we do have a small number of spare hats in school. We also ask that children come to school with sun cream already applied. For children who attend for full days or longer periods we are happy to help them re-apply throughout the day and permission slips will be sent out after Easter. All children should bring a bottle of named sun cream, which can be kept in school.

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Term 2 of this academic year. As always, it has been a busy term and there is lots to celebrate and reflect on. This term has seen us celebrate World Book Day, St. Patrick's Day and lots of birthdays! We have spent time learning about different religious celebrations from Ramadan to Easter and have enjoyed the arrival of Spring and the warmer weather. Our gardens are coming back to life and it is lovely to see the children take so much ownership over the spaces. St. Christopher's completed Parent Consultations for Term 2 and we welcomed the opportunity to meet with families and discuss each child's progress and development. We have also carried out transition visits for children moving from Sunflowers to St. Christopher's and we are looking forward to welcoming them when we return after the holidays.

We would like to wish all of our families a well-earned rest over the Easter period and we look forward to seeing you when we return.

What have we been up to?



In Sunflowers we have begun our Easter crafts; with pastel coloured painting incorporating Easter-themed shapes and cotton wool. In the afternoon we have been creating our own Easter shapes with clay. Outside we have had fun finding Easter Bunny paw prints that have been hiding in our garden!



The Babies have enjoyed exploring outside, they have made Sand pies in the mud kitchen and pushed cars over the bridge. We have also made exciting Easter Art. Our theme was colours.

We hope all our children and families enjoy the Easter break, and can't wait to hear about it all when you return!



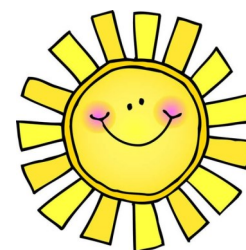
Over the past fortnight, the children in St. Christopher's have been finding out more about Ramadan, one of the holiest months in the Islamic calendar. All of the children have had an opportunity to explore some Islamic artefacts, from a prayer mat to photographs of mosques from around the world. FS2 spent time creating their own mosques with some children using the wooden blocks and others creating them from cardboard. We were so impressed with the children's attention to detail.

The children have also spent time learning about the Christian celebration of Easter. Again, the children have had opportunities to explore some different artefacts and we have spent time talking about some of the different symbols of Easter.



During Free Flow, the children continue to be fascinated by the remote control cars and have been extending on their play from last week. They have been experimenting with different tunnels and bridges built from wooden blocks. This has extended to the children's play in the garden where they have been constructing ramps for the small world cars. As the weather has been so beautiful, the children have been spending more and more time in the garden and have been helping to take care of the plants and vegetables we are growing. We have recently been able to harvest some broccoli, which was delicious in our vegetable soup at snack.

Warm Weather— As the weather continues to improve, please can children bring a clearly named sun hat to school every day. We also ask that children bring a bottle of named sun cream. Details of our sun protection policy can be found on Tapestry.



Water bottles—With the warmer weather, it is more important than ever that children bring a water bottle to school every day. We encourage the children to drink regularly and they are able to refill their bottles. Water bottles should be filled with water and not fruit juice please.