

St Christopher's EYFS News

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Happy Birthday!



Tanaka
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Dates for your Diary

24.11.2023—INSET Day—St. Christopher's and Sunflowers closed for staff training.

14.12.2023—Sunflowers Christmas Stay and Play

15.12.2023—St. Christopher's EYFS Nativity

22.12.2023—Last Day of Term both St. Christopher's and Sunflowers will close at 12:30

This half term we have started our new theme, 'Celebrating Difference' with a bang and the knowledge organisers have been shared on Tapestry. St. Christopher's EYFS and Sunflowers were delighted to welcome so many families to our Diwali themed stay and play. The children always enjoy having their family members in school and we have more sessions planned for later in the school year.

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.

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 £45 and our certificate will soon be on display in the entrance.

This week has seen us learn about Road Safety Week and we were delighted to welcome some of the team from JPSU. The children learnt about staying safe when out and about and then practised crossing the road safely.

Looking ahead to the next few weeks, Sunflowers will be hosting their parent chats and the team will be in contact soon to arrange times with parents. We also have Christmas themed Stay and Plays and a Nativity fast approaching, we can't wait!

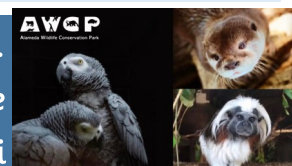
What have we been up to?



In sunflowers we have had many things to celebrate like Diwali which we enjoyed having you all for our Stay and Play, Children in Need where the children showed up in their spots and bright colours, and also Remembrance day where the children used an apple and a cork to create their own poppies. In the afternoon the children have been practising their dance moves with Dj Raphi being a big hit. The babies also celebrated Children in Need by using corks and coloured paint to create their own artwork which we have put up on display. Babies have also been busy trying their hands at cooking, and made their very own coconut balls using desiccated coconut and condensed milk.

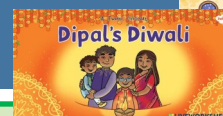


Over the past few weeks we have been incredibly busy. We spent the first week of term learning about the celebration of Diwali. This including creating our own Rangoli patterns, making sweets and designing bridges to help rescue Sita.



Last week saw us take part in World Nursery Rhyme Week, one of the highlights of the school year. The children had a great time learning this year's rhymes and the culmination of their work was a mini concert. They also took part in a range of baking activities linked to one of our core texts The Gingerbread Man.

This week the children have been learning about how to stay safe when on or near roads. As part of this we took the children on a walk around Four Corners, with some of the team from JPSU, to practise how to cross the road safely. Finally, on Thursday, we went on a school trip to Alameda Wildlife Park. We got to find out more about the different animals.



A message from Sunflowers & St. Christopher's...

Remember to check the memo section of Tapestry frequently for updates and information.

Naming Belongings

Please make sure that all children's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

YOUR NAME

Teacher Jargon Buster—Cultural Capital

The aim of cultural capital is to create possibilities for children's knowledge, understanding and abilities to be developed and extended through new opportunities and experiences. This gives children the best possible start to their education and promotes future success.



Something to try at home...

Safe Or Unsafe?

Are these safe or unsafe situations? Colour the correct box.

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Jingle Bells



Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh.



O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.



Bells on bob tails ring, making spirits bright.



Oh, what fun it is to sing, a sleighing song tonight.



Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.



Oh, what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh.



Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.



Oh, what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh.

*BSL sign for 'feel'

**Christmas pudding,
Christmas pudding,**

**Steaming hot,
steaming hot,**

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

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



When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney

He began to shout

“You boys and girls won’t get any toys

If you don’t pull me out

My beard is black, there’s soot in my sack

My nose is tickling too”

When Santa got stuck up the chimney

“A-choo! A-choo! A-choo!”

On the eve before Christmas Day

When Santa Claus arrived on his sleigh

Into a chimney he climbed with his sack

But he was so fat he couldn’t get back

Oh, what a terrible plight!

He stayed up there all night



