

# St. Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

## Spring term 2019

**Mother's Day – Pampering**

'Stay and play' Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 11.30 to 12.30

All Mummy's welcome and Daddy's as they too can pamper our wonderful Mummy's

**Easter hat event –** make at home a hat to wear when we go on our **Easter Egg hunt.**

Certificates for best home made. Wear to school on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**, with a special visit from the Easter Bunny, please join us from 12.00 until 12.30

**School closes for Easter holidays;** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Return to school in our new build, HELM point, Four Corners. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Attached is the latest **Government of Gibraltar school calendar 2019/2020**

**Red Nose day – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Thank you for your support we raised £56.23**



**Next week in snack**

<b>Monday</b>	Apples and melon
<b>Tuesday</b>	Crackers, cheese and cucumber
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bananas and pears
<b>Thursday</b>	Oranges and grapes
<b>Friday</b>	Fruit cocktail, before Mother's Day 'Stay and play'

## *Learning Powers at St. Christopher's EYFS*

*Vision: To inspire children to enjoy learning, nurturing independence and life-long learning skills, to allow all to become the successful global citizens of tomorrow*

*We have completed a full cycle of the learning powers, now it will be for teachers and children to identify when they are using a learning power*



Please St. Christopher's and Sunflowers is part of the MOD estates, therefore smoking is not permitted in or around the building. As well as, this is not advisable around young children.



## Building works around the Europa estate



### Watching concrete being poured – A building site of our very own

As we come to the end of our time here at Europa, we are seeing an increase in the amount of building construction work that is going on around us in preparation for the Island games. Please can we reassure you that we as a school have been consulted at every step of the way. DIO have fully supported us to insist on designated 'No digger' times when the children are given open access to inside and outside provision. This has been written into their contract and on the first day we had a breach of that rule, I contacted DIO and the constructor's foreman and it resulted in serious repercussions for that worker.

We are less than a month away from closing for the Easter holidays, so minimal time. Plus, this was one of the major factors considered in the timing of when should we move to our new build, what Europa faces now was exactly what was going on in Four corners, up until recently. Having myself lived the last two and a half years in Four Corners, as well as any resident will confirm, it was just as noisy and intrusive. Thankfully that is improving, so the timing of moving is going to be the best solution for all involved. With families finding out when they are moving, there is light at the end of the tunnel. If anyone wishes to discuss further any issues related to this, please have a chat with me, Miss Wood.

### *St. Christopher's and Sunflowers move to HELM Point, Four Corner*

We wish to give you as much advanced notice as we can, so you can plan and are aware of the timeframe we are working towards.

After Easter holidays, we should under the Government of Gibraltar calendar be returning Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (Day after Easter Monday) but we will remain closed for relocation – staff working, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Sunflowers will also be closed Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April to support our move. This has been agreed with DCYP as closure days to facilitate St. Christopher's and Sunflowers move to HELM Point in Four Corners. As it is a Bank holiday on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, our first new day in our new school building will be **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

**As the next cohort of families are now not moving to Four Corner's until May (previously was supposed to be February) and we will from the 30<sup>th</sup> April be in our new school, we will start off with our current opening times, for FS1(9.30) and FS2 (8.45). Families are starting to get removal dates for May, so as soon as most of our children are housed in Four Corners we will change our opening hours. This we will confirm after we have moved at the end of April and once families have moved in, so we can best support our families, during this transition.**

FS2 children who are housed in Europa estate still after the 30<sup>th</sup> April, will be bused to Four Corners, Jane Payas our School Liaison Officer, will be contacting all FS2 families to register you for a bus service for your child. This is only possible for FS2 children as they are statutory school age and entitled to have transport provided for them unlike FS1. If you wish to discuss further please come and talk to Miss Wood.

**Schools and College Calendar**  
**2019-2020**

(except Hebrew School)

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p><b><u>Starts</u></b> Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (Staff) Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 (Pupils)</p> <p><b><u>Ends</u></b> Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019</p> <p><b><u>Holidays</u></b> National Day Holiday: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Mid-Term: from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 To Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019</p>	<p><b><u>Starts</u></b> Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020</p> <p><b><u>Ends</u></b> Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</p> <p><b><u>Holidays</u></b> Commonwealth Day: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 School Holiday: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020</p>	<p><b><u>Starts</u></b> Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020</p> <p><b><u>Ends</u></b> Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020</p> <p><b><u>Holidays</u></b> Workers' Memorial Day: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020** May Day: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 Ascension Thursday: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Queen's Birthday: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020</p>
<p align="center"><b>No of days = 75</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>No of days = 62</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>No of days = 56</b></p>

Total Number of days (staff) = 193  
Total Number of days (pupils) = 188  
(5 days for staff development)

Summer hours will operate from:  
30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

For First Schools: summer hours are from 9.00am to 12.00pm  
For Middle and Secondary Schools: summer hours are from 9.00am to  
12.45pm