

St. Christopher's EYFS News

Friday 29th March 2019

Spring term 2019

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

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

School closes for Easter holidays; Friday 12th April reopens Tuesday 30th April in HELM point Four Corners. **Timings to start with;**

FS2 – 8.45 until 15.10

FS1 – 9.30 until 12.30

Summer term -School closure days;

Monday 29th April Gibraltar bank holiday

Wednesday 1st May – Bank holiday

Monday 27th May- Spring Bank Holiday

Wednesday 30th May – Ascension Day

Monday 17th June Queen's birthday bank holiday

Summer school hours start for FS2 from Tuesday 18th June; Timings to be confirmed as by then all families should have moved to **Four Corners**. From Tuesday 18th June – no lunches for FS2

End of term Friday 6th July

Deconstructed role play



When I was young, admittedly a long-time ago, this used to be what we loved doing, playing with boxes. In our modern world it has been given a title and called by educationalists 'Deconstructed role play' but what better way to inspire a child's creative, imaginative mind that by using boxes to be something else. Here we have a space train with a space car being pulled behind going all the way to the moon. The second is a very practical car to transport many people. What more could you ask for to make our day. With many of you facing a move and packing boxes galore, take comfort in that your children will have the best of times playing with the boxes afterwards.



Next week in snack

Monday	Apples and raisins
Tuesday	Banana and grapes
Wednesday	Melon and oranges
Thursday	Yoghurts and apples
Friday	Crackers, cucumber and tomatoes

Thank you to those of you who completed and handed in the Spring Parent Survey. Your views matter and if you haven't handed yours in but still wish to, please do.

I have attached a summary of the responses received, they are anonymous, but if anyone wishes to discuss any of the points or seek further clarification, please come and see me.



Thank you for attending Mother's Day 'Stay and Play', we hope you feel properly pampered. Have a lovely Mothering Sunday and photographs of the activities you took part in will be in next week's newsletter.

Ideas for Easter hats

Outside the school office and in the parent's foyer, will be a box of materials, paper etc, that you can take to help support making your Easter bonnet, please help yourself.

Just some ideas, not a must have



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

After Easter holidays, we should under the Government of Gibraltar school calendar be returning Tuesday 23rd April (Day after Easter Monday) but we will remain closed for relocation – our staff will be working, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, and Thursday 25th and Friday 26th April 2019. Sunflowers will also be closed Tuesday 23rd until Friday 26th 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 29th April and Wednesday 1st May, our first new day in our new school building will be **Tuesday 30th April 2019**.

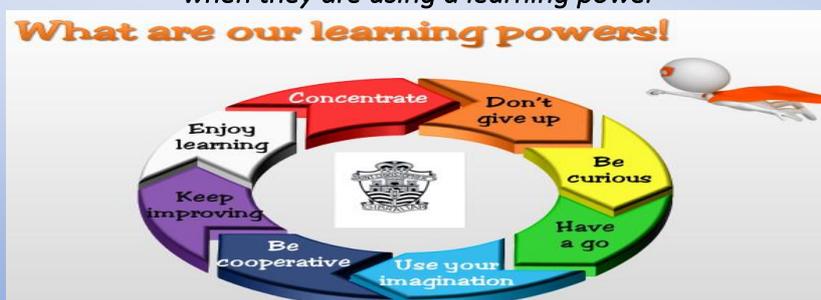
As the next cohort of families are now not moving to Four Corner's until May (previously was supposed to be February) and we will from the 30th April be in our new school, we will start off with our current opening times, for FS1(9.30) and FS2 (8.45). Families are starting to get removal dates for May, 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 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 30th April, will be bused to Four Corners, Jane Payas our School Liaison Officer, has contacted all FS2 families to register your child for a bus service to Four Corners from 30th April. 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.

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





Parent Satisfaction Survey

St. Christopher's EYFS
Spring Term 2019

Now that your child has been in the setting for over half a term, we would like to get your feedback in relation to how things are going from your perspective. Your views are important to us and we appreciate the time that you take completing this survey.

If you could return the survey to Miss Wood by the 25th March we would be very grateful.
Many thanks

The EYFS team

Please circle the appropriate response

1. When you arrive at St. Christopher's EYFS Unit are you given a warm welcome?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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2. If your child started this term (or if you have not completed this survey before) do you feel that the admissions process supports your child's entry into the Early Years Foundation Stage?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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3. Do you feel that we inform you about events and activities?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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4. Do you feel that you are informed and consulted about your child's progress?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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5. Do you feel that you know what your child is learning at St. Christopher's EYFS Unit?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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6. Do you feel that you have sufficient contact with your child's key person/teacher?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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7. Are staff approachable and helpful?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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8. If you have raised a concern has it been dealt with promptly and sensitively?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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9. Do you feel confident that staff ensures the safety and well-being of your child?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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10. Do you feel that the children demonstrate a good standard of behaviour within the setting?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
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11. Are you happy with the achievement that your child has made this term?

Yes	No
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12. Please comment briefly on what particular aspects of our unit that you feel are good:

13. Please comment briefly on particular aspects of our provision that you would like to see changed or improved

14. What 2 things could we do to improve as far as you are concerned?

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Thank you again for your time and support in helping us evaluate our provision.

Tricia Wood

Parent survey – Spring 2019

Q1 - 7 x always, 1 x usually

Q2 - 2 x always, 6 x N/A

Q3 - 4 x always, 4 x usually

We missed a day and missed a newsletter, very nearly missed a notice but usually information is repeated on subsequent newsletters

missed notice of parents meeting

Q4 - 5 x always, 3 x usually

Q5 - 5 x always, 3 x usually

Q6 - 5 x always, 3 x usually

Q7 - 6 x always, 2 x usually

Q8 - 3 x always, 1 x usually & 4 x N/A

Q9 - 6 x always, 2 x usually

but also comment; But I am concerned by the noise levels due to building site next door

Q 10 - 5 x always & 3 x usually

Q11 - 8 x yes, 0 x no

Q 12; 5 x replies

- Small groups
- Teacher/pupil ratio is fantastic!
- The tapestry accounts is great communication method & progress tracker
- Parental involvement is a very high standard. Love the invites that parents get to be part of the school.
- He is allowed to be himself, when he's upset at drop off, things are done to help alleviate his distress.
- My child has improved so much due to the understanding and extra care from his teachers
- Spanish lessons
- Creative area especially good

Q13; 5 x blank

- More options about how free hours are used
- More music (participation)
- Nothing to note at this time
- All is very good as it is

Q14; 6 x left blank

- I'm 100% happy with everything - we are very lucky to have such a wonderful school - definitely a much better service than is provided in the UK
- His "name" writing
- Different library books, he comes home with same ones on rotation (his choice I know)
- Very good school
- Happy parents & child

8 replies out of possible 24