

St. Christopher's EYFS News



Friday 31st May 2019

School Summer term 2019

School closure days: Monday 17th June Queen's birthday Bank holiday

Summer school hours start for FS2 from Tuesday 18th June; no lunches for FS2

Father's Day - 'Stay and play' pamper day, 11.30 to 12.30 Friday 14th June. Daddy's & Grandad's welcome

To be confirmed dates for Sports day and FS2 swimming lessons.

School parents meeting for FS1 & FS2 will be week beg 24th June, details to follow. All school end of year reports will go out 28th June

End of term Friday 5th July

Official opening of St. Christopher's EYFS Unit, ceremony will be attended by His Excellency the Governor of Gibraltar, CBF and Asst CEO of DCYP MOD Schools and our Early Years advisor and will take place on Wednesday 3rd July at 11.30, Please see your invitation attached.

Sunflowers Summer 2019

Summer hours start Monday 8th July 8.00 until 14.00

Please note; any holiday leave for children from Sunflowers, staff needs to be informed, the policy states four weeks prior notice, if not this will result in the hours being billed.

To all our Parents, we are joining our newsletters so all information can be directed through one fortnightly newsletter. We are one St. Christopher's EYFS Unit that incorporates Sunflowers 0-3 Nursery and EDC (Extended day care provision for 3-5-year olds) and St. Christopher's FS1 and FS2 classes. Lisa is in the process of obtaining permission slips to use Sunflowers children's images on the newsletter and clarify the distinction between images on a newsletter that are shared amongst families and images that are shared on our school website and with our SGC and MOD schools' advisors.



Thank you to all the St. Christopher's parents who returned their survey regarding the start and finishing times for St. Christopher's FS1 and FS2. We have had half returned, so not everyone's opinion, but enough to gain a better understanding of the issues and valid points raised by parents.

The majority of FS1 replies asked to retain the 9.30 start (FS1 is a three-hour education place) as many felt an 8.30 start it was too early, plus, if it went back to 9.00 the finish time 12.00 would clash with siblings finishing at Notre Dame during summer hours. Many valid points were raised about FS2 and in particular collection with siblings in Notre Dame. So, the compromise will be 8.30 start and a 14.30 finish. This allows for siblings to be taken to Notre Dame and collect prior to Notre Dame finishing. This does not clash with siblings going to St. Josephs as bus picks up at 8.20 and returns by 15.30. What this will also mean is when summer hours apply Tuesday 18th June FS2 will work 8.30 until 12.30 (no lunch) and FS1 will remain 09.30 until 12.30. Therefore, supporting families in that all children during summer hours will finish at 12.30 and if Extended day care hours are required, please enquire at Sunflowers and book a place.

So, starting Monday 3rd June, St. Christopher's school hours will be;
All FS2 children 8.30 – 14.45, Summer hours 8.30 – 12.30
All FS1 children 09.30 – 12.30

Happy birthday



Katie in Dolphins, have a fantastic day on Monday

Next week in snack

Snacks for second week will be on the Parent notice boards on the gate entrance for St. Christopher's and the Parent notice board inside the Sunflowers door entrance.

Week beginning 3rd June – St. Christopher's

Monday	Pineapple & apples
Tuesday	Peppers and crackers
Wednesday	Bananas & oranges
Thursday	Apples & raisins
Friday	Melon and biscuits

Week beginning 3rd June – Sunflowers

Monday	Crackers, cheese & apple
Tuesday	Breadsticks, strawberries & bananas
Wednesday	Rice cake, pear & orange
Thursday	Toast, pineapple & red pepper
Friday	Crackers, kiwi & cream cheese

Healthy Eating in packed lunches for Sunflowers children

It is hard to think of new ideas and something that your children will enjoy. So here are some useful guidelines, to help you with making packed lunches and some useful websites to provide further clarification. As a rule, a portion size per food group e.g. protein, carbohydrates for a child is the size of their fist. Worth remembering when items are put together and considering healthy choices in their packed lunches. Our fantastic Children and Young people's Nurse Mrs Laura Dean, is more than willing to discuss any queries you may have, regarding a balanced and healthy diet for your child.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch> This is a useful website, worth exploring, it is free to sign up for suggestions and menu ideas. I have registered, as always, a great to get new ideas. The other website with lots of information is BBC Good food guide, information regarding packed lunches are attached.

