



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 11th December 2015

Dear Parents

May I start with an enormous thank you to Mrs Louisa Hogarty and her wonderful PTA helpers who organised and ran such a delightful and successful Christmas Fair. Thank you to all of you who came and supported this wonderful event. When many schools are scaling back at this festive time, it is good to hear that we are still firing on all cylinders. We were delighted to welcome the Posada, a Spanish Christmas custom in to school which features a beautiful statue of Mary and Joseph on their donkey clearly on their way to Bethlehem. The children sat around the statue and discussed the Christmas story and focussed on citizenship values, thinking about what we would do today if faced with a couple in need. The quality of writing that was achieved in every year group was most impressive and in addition to splendid detail, capital letters and full stops were not forgotten! Well done children.

Those who attended our Mamma Mary Nativity Production this week may not be surprised to hear that a few of the stories generated by the Posada featured a donkey named Fernando. The children sang and danced with gusto through the original lyrics and direction of Miss Kate Rendall who deserves our congratulations and thanks for such a delightful show. The children excelled themselves and we are all so proud of the confidence and volume in evidence.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved and thank you to our wonderful audiences who joined in with such spirit and who donated so generously to Macmillan Cancer Support. I will let you know how much we raised next week. On Saturday we sent a Year 2 team to Downsends Football Tournament and were delighted with the talents displayed, narrowly getting knocked into 3rd place by Cranmore who achieved a goal in the dying seconds. We were very pleased to beat Downsends 2-0 and even more thrilled to have two of our players recognised with match titles: Congratulations to Stanley G winning Best Sporting Player Award and to Teddy C for winning the Overall Tournament Player Award. Well done to both boys and special thanks to their coach Mrs Sarah Pryor.

On Wednesday all the Year 2 boys donned their blue and gold football strip and played a match against Weston Green School whilst the girls battled it out on Weston Green's Netball courts. Mrs Pryor was once again very proud of their sporting prowess at such a young age and everyone enjoyed this friendly tournament which reinforced some key sporting skills.

Congratulations to all the children in Ahlberg House who are once again in the lead in the penultimate count with a superb number of 1582 housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Event of the Week



Foundation Stage News



What a superb performance! We hope you all enjoyed the show, we had a great time! We are looking forward to more festive fun at Epsom Playhouse and our Christmas parties next week!

The Reception children have improved so much with their news writing during this term and they are learning to understand what their own 'next steps' in learning are. The teachers put target stamps on the children's work; like finger spaces, pencil grip, listening for sounds and spelling key words. Most of the children are now able to look at the stamp and tell their teacher what target they are working on. Fantastic work children we are very proud of you.

Next term the Reception topic is 'The Big Blue Sea'. The children want to learn all about boats, lighthouses and people at the sea-side, like the RNLI. Then they will be dipping their toes further in as they learn about fish, shells and submarines. They are hoping to go to the aquarium at the end of the term to test their knowledge and see some real sea life, will they meet a mermaid?

The Nursery children often ask 'How does it work?' The children want to learn more about helicopters, cars and tractors. They also want to find out about butterflies, birds and how trees and flowers grow. Some children ask questions about computers, phones and even taps and drainpipes. We are often puzzled about zips, buttons, pens and scissors. We have even been asked how the world works! A very big and puzzling question for lots of us!



The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Monday 14th December – Last Posting Date For Christmas Post Boxes

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Box in the Entrance Hall
Nursery Box in Nursery**

Monday 14th December: Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 to Epsom Playhouse

MONDAY 14th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PARTY

Each class is welcome to provide some extras for the food (NUT-FREE PLEASE):

Nursery: A packet of chocolate coins

Reception: Crisps and savoury snacks

Year 1: Fizzy drinks/juices

Year 2: Cakes & fancy biscuits



Tuesday 15th December: Nursery & Pre-Reception to Epsom Playhouse

Please return Mamma Mary! DVD orders to school by 16th December.

WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER

11am: Year 2 parents are invited to share our Christingle assembly. Please come to the Hall door at the front of the school.

TERM ENDS AT MIDDAY

SPRING TERM STARTS WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY 2016 AT 8.30AM



Playground Angels and Good Shepherds Awards: Milo H, Vihaan S, Noah T, Stanley G, Naomi B and Rowan W.



Mathletics Certificate

**Congratulations to Sophie B for achieving a Silver award.
Special congratulations to Daisy G for gaining her Gold award.**