



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 13th December 2013

Dear Parents

As this will be the last newsletter of the year may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from the whole team here at St Christopher's.

We were all catapulted into the Christmas spirit last week with our magnificent Christmas productions. Nursery and Reception delighted us with their musical Mr Stamp the Postman written by our own Mrs London. Children as young as 2 years old took to the stage with confidence and all the children sang and acted with evident joy. Pictures can be found on page 2 and on the website. Thanks are especially due to Mr Martin, Abigail's Daddy for the gift of the antlers and red noses that allowed Neptune Class to shine! Thank you and congratulations to all involved.

On Saturday a football squad from St Christopher's enjoyed taking part in a football competition at Downsland School. It was the team's first outing and their coach Mrs Jo Hawes has made careful tactical notes for their next tournament. Well done to all the children for playing with such heart and commitment.

Thank you very much for supporting the Christmas Fair. It was a glorious event and we would like to sincerely thank Lisa Manley and her wonderful committee for all their hard work. You must be the most generous families in Surrey. Not only did you kindly support the Fair, we raised over £700 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust from the retiring collections of both plays and on Thursday you donated once again for our Toy Assembly which this year has been gratefully received by the Vine Project. Thank you all for supporting these charities so generously.

Bravo to Kaelen Lumsden who played for us in this week's Piano Assembly. He played two pieces beautifully and received a well deserved applause.

In tune with our Global Awareness lessons we welcomed into school an Advent Posada this week. Posada is a Spanish word meaning Inn or shelter and this international custom involves a figurine which re-enacts Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Our philosophy talents were demonstrated as the children imagined Mary and Joseph visiting today and even asking to stay at our school. How would we have reacted? All classes enjoyed some very interesting discussions.

Congratulations to Freya B in Reception for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar. Freya always makes the Catering Team smile with her gentle enthusiasm and delight at every choice on the menu.

The final housepoint total this term was announced this week. Many congratulations to Dahl House for winning the termly cup. They accrued a record 1453 housepoints this term. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. See you next year!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Max G, Yasmin V, Alexander W, Isobel P, Joseph C, Sara D, Seren C, Kaelan L, Aayushi K, Louisa R, Narayan M, George G, Rowan N, Freya R.

Event of the Week The Foundation Stage Christmas Play



Earth Group in Nursery make sensational snowmean



A tired Mary and Joseph and Donkey arrive at the stage



Neptune Class prove to be ravishing reindeer

Foundation Stage News

All sorts of Christmas gifts, cards and presents are being crafted and created in the Foundation Stage classrooms. In Reception the children have been arranging different sized triangles to make Christmas tree pictures and then counting the baubles as they placed them on the trees. They have also been blowing paint across paper and using cotton buds and fingers to create lovely painting effects to make some wonderful Christmas surprises. The classrooms are now decorated with sparkly stockings and snowflakes made from carefully folded and cut paper.

In maths the children have tried adding numbers to five and ten in a snowman or Christmas cracker theme. In handwriting the children have been practising writing the tricky letters 'e' and 's'. Everyone has tried their very best writing for their letters to Father Christmas; I hope he noticed how the children remembered their manners and included a 'please' and 'thank you'.

The Nursery children have loved dressing up and acting out the Nativity story, with a few unusual variations. I had not heard about the monsters and rabbits visiting the manger before! Outside in the garden the children have had great fun making a sleigh pulled by a reindeer (box).

They have also made a post box ready to deliver cards and presents using our 'Christmas post bikes'.



In the kitchen the children are continuing to develop their fine motor skills decorating Christmas biscuits, and in the writing area they have been writing and decorating their own Christmas cards. In the art room lots of children have been painting Father Christmases and Christmas trees. The water tray has become very cold and the polar animals have enjoyed playing on the ice. All the children have tested their co-ordination skills as they roll balls through paint to make patterns on the paper.

Now we are at the end of 2013. We have loved watching and helping the children to grow and learn and now look forward to the New Year. Have fun with your children over the holidays and a very Merry Christmas to you all.

The Foundation Team



MONDAY 16th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come in party clothes for fun and games! Nursery children who normally leave at midday can join in and leave at 1.30pm. 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 17th 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 CLUBS

Please return booking forms by Tuesday 17th December. Clubs start on Monday 13th January; unless you hear otherwise, please assume your child can attend the clubs of their choice. Lists will be on the Noticeboard and our website at the beginning of term.

OWLS & LARKS

Don't forget to make your bookings by Tuesday 17th December for the first week of next term. **Please remember that all parents need to complete a new booking form for next term – thank you.**

SPRING TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Details to follow)

Friday 7th March – Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Saturday 8th March – Open Morning for Current & Prospective Parents

Wednesday 19th March 9.30am – 11am: Grandparents' Morning

BAD WEATHER

In case of snow, please refer to the Parents' section of our school website for information (www.st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk). Please do not telephone the school.