



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 14th November 2014

Dear Parents

On Friday the children in Neptune Reception Class demonstrated how clever and grown up they are by producing a super assembly all about The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children narrated the story complete with some splendid props and showed the delighted parents their butterfly life cycle work with great enthusiasm. Thank you for a super assembly and special thanks to Miss Eames for creating such an enjoyable and colourful performance.

Our Year 2 football teams fought bravely in the Downsend Tournament on Friday featuring children from Shrewsbury Lodge too, Our A team were defeated by 4 goals to 1 but our B team were victorious with a 7-2 victory and the C team were also triumphant, winning 1-0. Well done to our hard working boys. Do see the splendid picture on the website.

On Tuesday the whole school gathered in the playground to honour Remembrance Day with a two minute silence. Rowan and Sophie, our Blue Bench Monitors were in charge of scattering poppy petals given to us by the Poppy Factory in Richmond. Austin movingly read aloud In Flanders Fields written in 1915 by John McCrae. This term's Art Club formed a circle around the falling poppy petals and the whole school stood in silent reflection in the autumn sunlight. The staff could not have been prouder of our young children who always rise to the occasion so beautifully.

Congratulations to Michael S for his impressive piano performance in assembly on Wednesday. Michael played a lovely Waltz from music and then enchanted his audience by playing the theme from Star Wars by memory! Bravo Michael you deserved your certificate.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Freya M for always being very kind to all the other children at lunchtime and for always eating up her lunch with enthusiasm. Bravo to Donaldson House. Your hard work and beautiful manners have earned you enough housepoints to keep you at the top this week with the marvellous total of 1153 housepoints. Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards
Sophia D, Teddy C, Louisa R, Cameron M,
Patrick M, Dara O, Sophia M, Athena D,
Jamie H, Narayan M and Carys F.

Philosopher of the Week
Austin S
Thought for the Week
Should you judge people by what they know??

Work of the Week

The work of the week this week is by Sophie M from Neptune. This clever Reception child used a number line to help calculate these number sentences all by herself.

Well done Sophie!

Can I use objects to add two numbers? 10.11.14



$13+2=12$ ✓

$9+5=14$ ✓

$11+3=14$ ✓

$12+6=18$ ✓

$15+4=10$ ✓

$18+2=20$ ✓

$13+5=18$ ✓

$10+7=17$ ✓

Ⓢ Work Sophie
excellent adding of
2 numbers using
a number line.
Can you
practise numbers
5 and 9 on a
whiteboard.

Foundation Stage News

After a great firework week the celebrations have continued in Reception as they have been learning about Diwali. Diwali was on the 24th October this year and the Reception children decided to have fun celebrating this traditional Hindu festival. First they watched a film with shadow puppets acting out the story. Can your child remember the name of the characters? They drew lovely Mehndi patterns on hand templates, Diwali cards and made Diva lamps out of salt dough. The children coloured, cut out and threaded lotus flowers to make garlands and wove paper using alternating colours to make carpets for the lovely Diwali displays in the class rooms.



As Diwali is the festival of light the Reception science topic has been to explore light and dark. The children have had great fun investigating the **Dark House** in the role play area using torches and reflective objects.

The children are working very hard in maths. This week they tried counting two groups of objects to find out how many altogether. Some children have been learning to use number-lines for their addition.

The group challenge was also on a topical theme as the children worked in groups to make giant poppies. The children also watched a film to help them to understand a little about Remembrance Day.

The Nursery children have been busy making props, learning their lines and practising songs for their assembly on Friday. We are so proud of them all and love their singing.



In Nursery we have carried on investigating foods that are healthy for us. We are not fussy like Oliver in our story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' by Vivian French. Our maths activity has been to read the number of vegetables that are needed for our vegetable soup and then counting out the correct number of vegetables to go in the pot. In the garden we have had some very good teachers and hardworking pupils in our role play school. When the weather has allowed, some children have been working their healthy bodies on the trim trail. We have also been

bouncing, throwing and catching balls out on the big playground to help our gross motor skills and coordination.

Like all good scouts our motto this week has been 'Be Prepared' – what for you may ask? Come to the kitchen and smell our delicious cooking, no I am not telling, but there may be a surprise for Christmas! We have started learning the songs for the Christmas performance so this week we started to learn about the Christmas story, can your child remember the baby's name?

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 21st November: Year 2 visit to Hampton Court

Friday 21st November at 9am

SATURN Class Assembly - Parents and friends are welcome. Refreshments will be available in the Porch from 8.30am.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year's Christmas performances will take place on the following dates:

Foundation Stage – Thursday 4th December 9.30am – Parents of children in Neptune, Earth, Sky and Stars invited.

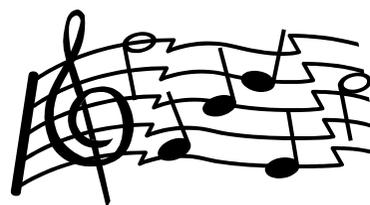
Foundation Stage – Friday 5th December 9.30am – Parents of children in Mars, Sun, Moon and Stars invited.

Key Stage One – Tuesday 9th December 9.15am – Parents of children in Venus and Jupiter invited.

Key Stage One – Wednesday 10th December 9.15am – Parents of children in Mercury and Saturn invited.

BOTH PERFORMANCES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCHOOL HALL AND TICKET DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

COMING SOON – Saturday morning music fun at St Christopher's



From January in the school hall a Music Academy for children will live Saturday mornings and inspire musicians of the future. 3 – 5 year olds will be offered classes from 11 until 11.30am and 6 – 11 year olds will enjoy classes from 9.30 to 11.30am.

To book your child's place visit the website www.hititacademy.co.uk