



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 15th November 2013

Dear Parents

It has been yet another exciting week here with an extraordinary opportunity for Year 2 to go to Hampton Court and play some Real Tennis on the Royal Tennis Courts. The children felt honoured to have a tour of the oldest surviving court in England in the historic surroundings of this magnificent Tudor Palace and we must thank our governor Mrs Helen Crossley for enabling this wonderful trip to take place.

Friday was also the day when Neptune shone brightly as our Reception children performed their class assembly about fireworks. We were treated to two themed songs and some beautiful firework pieces of art as well as learning about some interesting firework facts. I was so proud of the children's confident performance which was also filmed and the lucky audience could hear every word! Bravo Neptune and a big thank you to Miss Eames and Mrs King for such a splendid production.

On Monday at 11am we held our traditional two minutes silence and it was made particularly poignant this year by some Year 2 children dropping poppy petals from an upstairs window. These were given to us by the Poppy Factory at a visit earlier in the term and scattered to mark the lives that have been lost while Megan G in Mercury read John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields' beautifully to the whole school who listened with respect.

Megan delighted us all once again this week as she played two melodic pieces in our Piano Assembly. We also enjoyed performances from Isobel P and Amelie P who earned their certificates by playing so cleverly in front of the whole school.

On Wednesday Vicky Bratherton from the Cystic Fibrosis Trust came to talk to the children about this common genetic disorder. The school will be supporting the CF Trust all year with a raft of fundraising activities.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Will H for always remembering to use perfect manners every day and enjoying such a wide range of foods.

Congratulations to Dahl House. They have dazzled the staff this week and earned 793 housepoints to take lead on the board.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Evie S, Alice C, Megan J, Alexander W, Isobel P, Ellie B, Mathilda K, Charlie S, Alexander P, Destiny M, Arlo R, Stanley G, Oliver Q and Joshua I

Philosopher of the Week

Winston Churchill

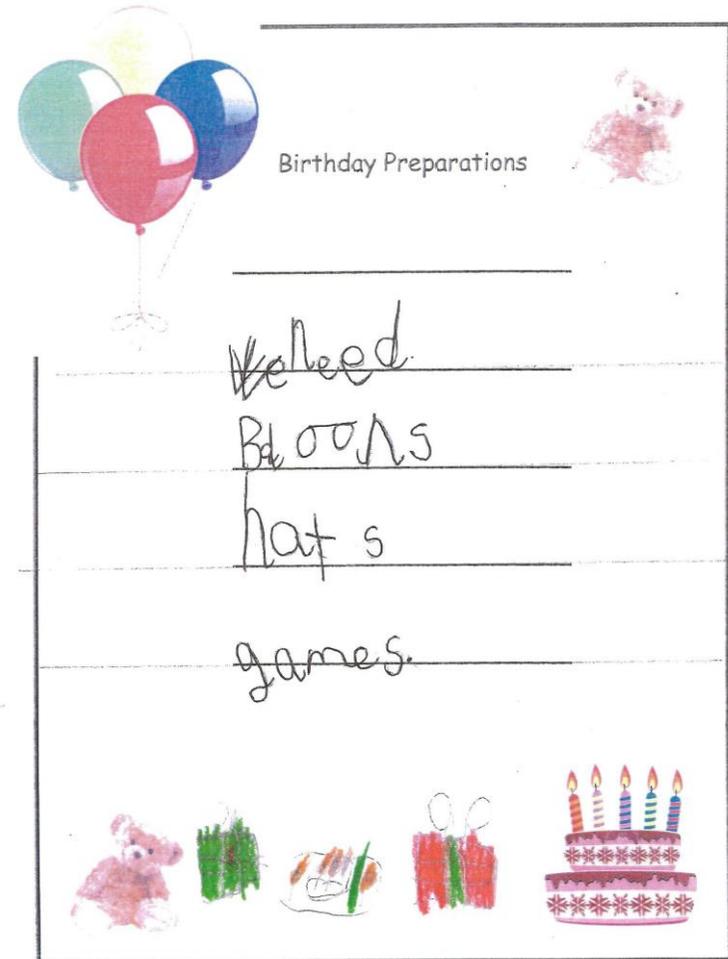
Thought for the Week

Never, never, never give up.

Work of the Week

This week the work of the week is by Neptune Class. We are thinking about Festivals and Celebrations and Reception pupil James S independently wrote a list of 5 things that he would need for the surprise birthday celebration that his class are organising. As well as making a splendid attempt at spelling the items on his list he illustrated the list at the bottom with two presents and a plate of food!

Well done for listing all the important things so cleverly James!



Foundation Stage News

Thank you to everyone for coming to the Parents' Interviews. We hope all the Nursery parents enjoy sharing your children's Learning Books and your children have fun making their pictures. Please return the books as soon as the pictures are complete, thank you.

The Reception children displayed the large collage poppies they made when the whole school went outside for the 2 minutes silence on Monday. We were so proud of all the children standing still for so long. The poppies were made in the Reception group challenge and looked magnificent.



Joe enjoying his book

It is birthday time in Reception the children have been making lists and thinking how to use their sounds to write words like 'balloon' and 'cards'. The lucky toys Zog the Hedgehog, Fred the Ted, and Gulliver and Ginza are looking forward to their special day.

There have been lots of exciting activities in Nursery this week. We have continued the firework and Diwali theme in the art room and outside making firework pictures, 'splatting' paint on paper, making Catherine Wheels and stamping in paint in our 'wellie boots'. The children have loved looking at the Diwali story and acting it out together.

The children have done some fascinating and fun cooking – just wait for the Christmas surprise! We love the book 'Give that back Jack' which has led to lots of talk about sharing and taking turns.



Esme building her tall rocket tower

Nursery Parents gentle reminder: We love to share all birthday celebrations we make a cake during the week of your child's birthday using ingredients that all children can eat. A number of children have particular dietary needs, so we ask you not to send in sweets or cakes. Many thanks.

We look forward to the parents of Upper Nursery children coming to assembly next Friday 22nd of November. If your child is in Lower Nursery (Star group) we hope you are looking forward to their first public performance in the Foundation Stage Christmas play. All of the children will be taking part, if you would like to bring your child for the play on a day your child does not usually attend please let us know. You can bring your child at 8.30 and collect your child after the concert.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 20th November: Year 2 visit to Museum of London and St Paul's Cathedral. They are expected to return to school at around 4pm, so there will be **no** Year 2 Recorder Club and Sewing Club that day. Gym club will take place as normal.

Friday 22nd November at 9am: UPPER NURSERY Class Assembly
Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Friday 29th November at 9am - MUSIC ASSEMBLY
Parents of children in our Orchestra, Recorder and Violin Clubs are warmly invited to attend. Coffee will be served in the Porch from 8.30am.

Year 1 Christmas Colouring Competition

Your child could win a deluxe art kit and see their entry displayed in Hamptons window. Please return all entries **to school** by Friday 22nd November.

Year 2 Parents – Do you still have the brown T-shirt your child might have worn in our Christmas Play a few years ago? If so, Nursery would welcome donations to recycle for their costumes this year.

Charity Donations

Thank you very much for your generosity recently. We have received a certificate of appreciation from Jeans for Genes for £160 and a letter of thanks from Pitstop in Leatherhead following your donation of £133 in addition to your gifts for our Harvest Festival.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for this post which is for 5 days a week from 12.10 to 1.40pm during term time. Please do tell your friends and neighbours and see our website (About Us/Job Opportunities) for details.

A Couple of Reminders

- **If your child suffers vomiting or diarrhoea, please ensure they have been clear of symptoms for at least 24 hours before they return to school.**
- **Please ensure your child's fleece is kept in school and that they bring their waterproof coat every day.**