



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents

On Friday I was away at the ISA Headteacher's Conference learning and reflecting and one of the new skills I acquired was to make my own QR code which I have experimented with this week on page 4, an explanation to follow!

I sadly missed Jupiter's wonderful Class Assembly all about Traditional Tales. The children showed off their lovely art work and performed The Gingerbread Cowboy as well as impressing their audience with a delightful song. Well done Jupiter and special thanks to Mrs Kay for this splendid production. I also missed the beautiful traditional Remembrance gathering on the playground but heard about Year 2's beautiful singing while Nathan and Arisa, our Blue Bench Monitors scattered poppy petals from Richmond's Poppy Factory.

On Tuesday I was delighted to be present in Centenary Wood, the brand new wood planted in Langley Vale by The Woodland Trust. We have nurtured our own seedlings at the end of the Trim Trail for the past two years and our Year 2 children planted these in a special area that they will be able to return to over the years and one day take their own children to the place in the new wood that they helped to create. They then sang 'In Flanders Fields' to the delighted volunteers and you can see this performance by scanning the QR code on page 4

Thank you to Lambert S, Max T and Ebba R for helping Mrs Thum with the Library Raffle this week with books featuring an exciting and popular theme all about dogs. Congratulations to Jessica H and Maya L for their wonderful solo piano performances this week playing Shepherd's Hey and Twinkle Twinkle respectively in front of the whole school on Thursday and earning their well-deserved certificates for such brilliant performances.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Annabel V for cheerfully complimenting the cooks each week with admirable manners. Bravo Annabel!

Special congratulations to Freya C who won a Highly Commended certificate at the National ISA Art Competition last week.

*Congratulations to **Ahlberg** for taking the lead in the Housepoint challenge with an impressive total of **987** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Samuel V, Oliver N, Evelyn W, Elise D, Harrison G, Conall R,
Morgan W, James B, Millar W, Maya L, Dylan C and
Eliza M.

Philosopher of the Week

Jessica H, Caitriona O, James W and Annabel V

Thought for the Week

Is it possible to know everything?

Event of the Week

Year 2 headed to Langley Vale to be part of the Woodland Trust initiative creating a new wood to remember the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War. The children planted our home grown seedlings, then sang 'In Flanders Fields' to a delighted audience before playing a well organised game.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



NURSERY AND PRE-RECEPTION This week our building topic has moved on to incorporate castles and we have even spotted some princesses, knights and dragons around the Nursery! We have enjoyed a selection of Royal Activities such as making castles from 2D and 3D shapes and making dragons snack in the Kitchen (whilst they are safe for human



consumption they may make you fly and breathe fire). We have also been acting out stories with our DIY puppet theatre and writing invitations for our Royal Ball next Thursday. We know that knights, princes and princess must be brave, kind and share. It was lovely to see some of our little princesses helping each other into their princess dresses.

At group time we had great fun counting treasure and we were learning how to compare different quantities to see if we had the same or different amounts then working out who had more or less. As we move



into the colder winter months, please make sure that your child has the correct winter uniform which includes wet weather trousers for outside play in Nursery does not stop for a little bit of rain!



RECEPTION In Reception we have been super busy learning lines, songs and dances for our Class Assemblies. We acted out our parts and are working hard to speak in a loud, clear voice. Our teachers are very proud of us and we are very excited to show off our performing talents to our parents on Thursday 22nd November (Neptune) and Friday 23rd November (Mars). We have spent time this week looking at money. We had a very interesting discussion about why we need money and where we can get it from. The children found out that we needed to have a job to earn money **before** the bank can give us any! We looked very



closely at the different coins, in particular the one and two pence coin noting the Queen's image on the back. The children had great fun making amounts and identifying different coins in their independent learning. It was fantastic to see them using the correct amount of money to pay for stamps in our role play post office. The children have been using lots of different ways to remember and make their key words and sound out cvc

words this week. We are working hard to use 'the', 'my', 'and' & 'I' in our writing unaided as well as recognising them in our reading too. Numicon has featured heavily this week and the children have enjoyed using it alongside number lines and writing their numbers. Wow! Lots of exciting learning again in Reception! The children are really working hard and achieving so much.

The Foundation Team



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 22nd November 9am – NEPTUNE Class Assembly – All Neptune parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

Friday 23rd November 9am – MARS Class Assembly – All Mars parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

REMINDER: CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES 9AM ON WEDNESDAY 5TH, THURSDAY 6TH AND FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER –

Please complete and return your ticket preferences as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR ON SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Please sign up to run a stall on the rota under the porch so that we can make this wonderful festive event a success.

Thank you from the PTA.

ORGANISED OCTOPUSES

This week's Organised Octopuses are: Fenton F, Conall R and Harrison G.



PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers are: Isaac F, Beatrix B, Scarlett C, Felice F and Ebba R.



Mathletics: Congratulations go to:

Max T and Dylan C for achieving their Bronze awards. Also congratulations to Annie R, Carlos D, Emily L and Thomas S for gaining Silver.

Our first home made QR code to make this week's newsletter interactive! Download a QR reader such the free app i-nigma, point the device at the QR code, press the button 'go online' and enjoy!



Looking for a Christmas present?

Some of you may remember the beautiful rhinoceros picture that former governor Caroline Smart donated to raffle for our 'Save the Rhino' Day. She now has her own Zawadi Print Website: <https://www.zawadiprint.com> featuring some of her award winning photographs which may be purchased as prints, on canvas or on cushions etc. Do have a look!