



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 22nd November 2013

Dear Parents

Jupiter children gave us all the most enormous treat last Friday when they presented their Class Assembly about Traditional Tales. We heard about Year 1's topic work, saw their Design and Technology Gingerbread Man pictures and were treated to two plays by this clever class. The whole performance was rounded off by a delightful themed song and we all want to say a big thank you to Jupiter and to Mrs Kay for such a wonderful script.

Our lucky children are always delighted with the teachers' choice of school trip for it gives them an even deeper understanding of their topic.

This week Year 2 headed to London to St Paul's Cathedral and to the Museum of London for an entertaining and interactive workshop on the Great Fire of London. At St Paul's Cathedral the children were shown the stunning spiral staircase designed by Sir Christopher Wren which can also be seen, we were told, in Harry Potter films.

The Christmas performances have now been cast and the school is full of song and action as witty adaptations of the traditional Nativity are rehearsed and enjoyed. The children are also hard at work with salt dough and clay making some beautiful decorations for our school Christmas tree. As usual The Moat garden centre are providing our tree and do see page 4 for their special offer to St Christopher's parents.

Congratulations to Oliver M who played three splendid pieces in our Piano Assembly. We also enjoyed a performance from Ellina M who played her own impressive composition. Congratulations to both pianists and thank you for your courage shown when sharing your talent.

I have just changed the Philosopher of the week at the bottom of this page from last week's Winston Churchill to this week's William S. This is quite an accolade for William to follow in such giant footsteps. William's contribution to our philosophical debate was immense this week and we had a wonderful discussion about the concept of 'cleverness' and the range of areas in life that we can demonstrate this skill.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Grace N for her kind, mature and helpful attitude at Breakfast Club and lunch. Thank you Gracie!

*Top of the Housepoint Chart this week are **Rowling** with **979** housepoints. Well done to all the hard working children in **Rowling House**.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Lexi M, Caia H, Evie S, Alice C, Alexander W, Dean A, Lucy D, Claudia M, Rowan W, Alexander S and Dominic Q,

Philosopher of the Week

William S

Thought for the Week

Are some people cleverer than others?

Work of the Week

In Nursery we have been drawing our favourite characters from the book 'Give that Back Jack'. Liberty R chose to draw Penny and she not only drew this beautiful picture of Penny all by herself, she then coloured it in with care and showed us where she had carefully drawn the pencil from the story.

Well done Bertie!

Liberty

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Foundation Stage News

Congratulations to all the children in Upper Nursery for performing such a super assembly on Friday. We are all learning to be friends and share our toys and we do not want to be like 'Jack' in the story of 'Give that Back Jack' by Phil Roxbee Cox and Jan McCafferty. We are very proud of all our budding actors. Thank you to Mrs Mulhern for teaching us the song about hands. In the Nursery all the children have had a turn acting out the different characters of the story they love to dress up as the lion, the gorilla or the penguin and a number of children have even been quite happy to be eaten by Mac the Python! Some of the children have created lovely pictures and had a go at writing about the story too! We always encourage all the children to try writing their names whenever they do some drawing, we have been working very hard to write our names very carefully this week.

Christmas is creeping up on us, but fear not for the Foundation Stage Christmas Spectacular is in preparation. Some very large Christmas cards have been designed and made by the children this week. We have all been making our own Christmas tree decorations ready for decorating the Christmas tree in the hall. The Reception children have rolled out the salt dough very carefully and cut Christmas shapes; in Nursery we have been filling the rooms with delicious fragrance of Christmas biscuits.

The party spirit has started in Reception. The preparations are underway for the class toys' parties. This week the children have been using their phonic skills to write the invitations. They have also been practicing their fine motor skills to make playdough cakes and then ensuring they count carefully as they put the candles on the top. Of course the children have loved role playing and singing happy birthday.



12 o'clock collection of Nursery children. Please note that to avoid congestion at the door at 12 noon we would like to change the collection routine. If you are collecting a child from Nursery at 12 noon please come in to Nursery using the art room door and collect your child from Purple Room and go out from the school back door. If it is wet please wait under the outdoor classroom until the door is open. We hope that this will be a more comfortable exit for our morning children. Thank you.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 29th November
CLUBS FINISH

Information about clubs in the Spring Term will be available shortly.

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.

Monday 2nd December

Dress Rehearsal for Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 3rd December at 10am

Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at St Martin's Church, Epsom

Wednesday 4th December at 11am

Year 2 Carol Singing in the Ashley Centre

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December at 9.30am

Foundation Stage Christmas Performance in the School Hall

Saturday 7th December 1 – 3 pm

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR – Please see letter for full details

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Old Moat Garden Centre in Horton Lane will be giving each pupil a £1 voucher for each Christmas tree bought from them.



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.