



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents

We were all enchanted by Saturn's Class Assembly on Friday. The 'Traditional Tales' topic has been a great success in Year 1 and this assembly based on the book 'Who's bad, who's good Little Red Riding Hood?' was superb. Saturn children acted beautifully and even managed to perform a rap! Well done Saturn Class and thank you to Mrs Leyland and Mrs Chandler for such a wonderful script and also to Mrs Richardson for her wonderful help.

On Tuesday bread maker Rhianon came into school to provide a wonderful Science lesson for Year 2 all about observing the chemical changes caused by yeast. The results of their experiments were delicious Italian breadsticks and flatbreads decorated with oil, salt and herbs. Do see the website for photos.

On Thursday the school was transformed into a castle and knights, princes and princesses danced, jousted and feasted at a special Castle Banquet that I was invited to as well! The children and staff looked magnificent and hugely enjoyed this day packed with fun. Again please see the website News section for super photos.

Thank you this week to Freya C, Millar W and Thomas P for helping Mrs Thum with a cat themed Library Raffle.

Congratulations to Thomas M for his festive piano rendition of Jingle Bells and to Satvika R for her lovely performance of Skaters. They both inspired the rest of the school with their talent and earned a well-deserved piano performance certificate each.

Special congratulations to Isaac F for winning the school competition for designing the Christmas card entry that we sent off to MP Chris Grayling for his Christmas Card competition. Also winning a book token this week was Saraya J for beating all pupil entries when designing the School Christmas Card selected for sending out to our important people.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Scarlett S for being a real superstar and helping to collect the plates at lunchtime this week, well done Scarlett!

The School Council have chosen a special cause to support and the two Chairs of the Council wrote and presented a piece to camera captured by our Computer Monitors who were taught to create their own QR code. Please see p4.

Bravo to **Ahlberg** for staying at the top of the Housepoint Board with a splendid total of **1194** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Sophie G, Zachery R, Bailey T, Christopher D, Jisoo P, Lucy A,
James N, Sophie B, Ebba R, Max T, Leo E and Elodie B.

Philosopher of the Week

Maxwell D

Thought for the Week

Is time important?

Work of the Week

This week 5 year old Ella D from Neptune Reception Class impressed us all with her independent writing. She decided that she would like to find a 'million bottles of fairy dust' in her treasure chest and wrote it down all by herself. Well done Ella.

I can write about my favourite treasure.

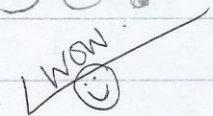
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W (40-60) Writes own name and other things such as labels, captions. Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts. Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.

What would you like to find in a treasure chest?



I would like to find
a million bottles
of fairy dust.



A million bottles of fairy dust
sounds wonderful! Ella used her sounds
to write the complex words.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week was a countdown to our Knights and Princesses dressing up day on Thursday with our castle activities in full swing. The children have been very advanced learning to code using the Beebots to find the jewels on the map. They found this activity very exciting and were very good at it too. We have been cooking jam tarts in the kitchen in preparation for our banquet on Thursday. We invited Mrs Thackray to our banquet where she was entertained with our dancing, jousting and horse riding displays followed by a mini feast, how exciting! We have been making shields, crowns and also some potions including a potion to make a knight brave. We made potions to be taller, braver, kinder and one to be good at sharing, all good ideas from the children. We even made some dragon juice, which will help us slay the naughty dragons. Our Duggee Badges have been awarded for good listening skills and we are happy to say that many have been given out so well done everyone! The children have been queuing up to tell their stories for our story box sessions and



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RECEPTION

In Reception this week, the children have continued to learn their assembly lines and say them with loud, clear voices; they are looking forward to performing in their Class Assemblies on Thursday and Friday. We have been learning to name and describe 2D shapes in a range of exciting ways. The children have created some super shape pictures and were able to identify the shapes they used. We have been focusing on writing words using our phoneme knowledge this week and the children have created some silly sentences e.g the pig is on the bus. The class bear wanted to be part of the learning his week, he asked the children to write him a card to cheer him up. Many children wrote some lovely messages inviting him to their house for tea. The children have continued to be enthusiastic about our post office role-play area. They have wrapped many parcels and written cards to their family and friends which have been sorted, stamped and delivered. Another amazing week in Reception with all children engaging in their learning. Well done!



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The Foundation Team



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th November – Last Pre-Nursery Session

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – CLUBS FINISH (EXCEPT BALLET)

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

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:
Thomas P and Nathan H.**



PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

This week's playground panthers are: Erin O, Harrison G, Sophia A, Evelyn W, Morgan W, Annie S and Jisoo P.



Hello from your Year 2 Computer Monitors!

This week we filmed School Council Chairs Annabel V and Fraser W who wanted to let the children know about a special project that School Council have chosen to support for this term. We filmed their presentation and then made a QR code ourselves! Please download a free app like i-nigma, point it at the QR code, press 'Go online' and hear Annabel and Fraser talk. We hope you enjoy it.

James W and Satvika R



As you will be aware the parking restrictions signs were put up (and then corrected!) this week. The parking restrictions are from 10am till 11am and 1.45pm till 2.45pm. We fought hard for these times which were a considerable improvement from the proposed 8am till 4pm. We hope that you have additional amounts of space now that the commuters will have been moved on. Please continue to park with care in Chartwell Place and avoid parking in Downs Avenue which is a private road. Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2019 BOOKING FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE PARENTS AREA OF THE WEBSITE, UNDER THE BACK PORCH OR FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.