



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 27th November 2015

Dear Parents

On Friday we journeyed into the Rainforest, beautifully guided by Saturn Class Assembly who informed and entertained us showing just how much they have learnt this term about this valuable world resource. In addition to learning about the layers in the Rainforest and the animals that reside there we were treated to a musical version of Julia Donaldson's story 'Monkey Puzzle'. Well done Saturn Class, your singing and acting impressed us all and thank you to Mrs Russell for producing such an excellent assembly and Mrs Degg for the clever and colourful props.

On Monday we all enjoyed the first Music Assembly of the year involving over 40 talented musicians. We were delighted with the confidence and joy displayed by our children who impressed the parents and staff and inspired other children. Special thanks to Mr Harris for accompanying Caia too. Congrats to all the performers and thank you for sharing your talents with us. Please enjoy the photos on page 2.

Next Thursday we are holding our annual Toy Assembly a week earlier than usual. Please remember to involve your child as you choose items to buy or donate to this wonderful cause. It is so valuable for our children to think about others less fortunate at Christmas.

To reward and warmly encourage good and thoughtful playground behaviour we have introduced two awards this term: a laminated Playground Angel or a Good Shepherd to keep. These are nominated by staff on duty and we are already delighted with the results. The first recipients this week are listed on page 4. We are all looking forward to the School Christmas Fair. The elves on the PTA committee are doing a magnificent job coordinating what I am sure will be a very enjoyable event. Do make sure you come and join in the festive fun on Saturday 5th December.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Milo H for such a splendid improvement in all that you now enjoy at lunch. Well done Milo!

*Many congratulations to all the children in **Donaldson House**. You earned a splendid total of **1276** housepoints and have retained first place!*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Robyn C, Benji S, Rafael I, Charlie C, Vihaan S, Rocco S, William W, Eden H, Athena D, Noah B, Lily C, Stanley G and Freya B.

Philosophers of the Week

Ned S, Aayushi K, Noah T and Rowan W

Thought for the Week

Are Adults Cleverer than Children?

Event of the Week

Music Assembly



Images from our wonderful

Autumn Music Assembly

Foundation Stage News

Christmas preparations have begun! In Nursery we have had great fun dressing up and taking photographs of each other, for a Christmas surprise! The children love making hand prints and practising their cutting to make reindeer hats for the Christmas party and props for the Christmas performance. In the kitchen we have been using our fine motor skills to trickle icing adorning our Christmas tree wreaths ready to decorate the tree next week.

Some of the children have had a go at writing letters and lists asking Father Christmas for presents, trying to use the phonic sounds that they know. In maths we have been finding ways to make two sets of stars so that each set has the *same* number of stars. We have also been playing games following and giving instructions using positional language. Some children have been putting toys 'in, on, under and next to each other' and we have played games putting ourselves *in front* and *behind* our friends. Some of this maths language can be very complicated when you are 3 years old!

The Reception children are very clever using objects to help them count in 2's, some children noticed that they were counting the 'even numbers'.



In literacy we looked at the book 'The Toy's Party' and thought that the cake Kipper made was very funny as he used ingredients such as tomato sauce and baked beans. Then they thought of the ingredients for a '*disgusting*' cake that they could make, just like Kipper. Leo thought of adding 'busy bees' and Andy suggested 'worms', perhaps they could try baking these cakes at home! The children are hopping to make mud cakes in school next week.

The highlight of the week in Reception, was Mrs. Self's surprise party. She had a great time and blew out all four candles! Earlier in the week the children chose the traditional party games and everyone enjoyed pin the tail on the donkey. Making cakes and writing birthday cards kept everyone busy.

Please read the separate letter about suitable clothing for winter as here at St Christopher's we love to go outside every day.

The Foundation Team



Tuesday 2nd December at 11am: Year 2 Carol singing in the Ashley Centre on behalf of the Epsom Hospital Equipment Fund. Please come and support the children.

Thursday 3rd December: TOY ASSEMBLY

Your donations of new or good-as-news toys, games and books will be greatly appreciated by the team at the Vine Project.

Please bring to the Hall before school.



Friday 4th December: Most Clubs Finish

Except **Ballet** (last session Monday 7th December)

Football (last session Tuesday 8th December)

and **French** (last session Friday 11th December)

PTA Christmas Fair: Saturday 5th December 1 - 3pm

Please keep contributions coming in for the Chocolate and Bottle Tombolas.

More offers of help always welcome, thank you.

Monday 27th November: Last donations for Hampers

Friday 4th December: MUFTI Day /Bring a cake

TUBS 4 TABS - We have just sent off for our 2nd tablet computer. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and please keep the contributions coming!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Tickets will be distributed next week via children's bookbags.

PLEASE NOTE: THE START TIME FOR ALL PERFORMANCES HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO 9AM



Playground Angels and Good Shepherds Awards: Sienna A, Lexi M, Daisy G, Freya B, Noah B, Oscar R, George T, Arthur L Teddy C, Zac P and Naomi B.



Congratulations to Stanley G, Vihaan S, Freya P and Lauren H for achieving Silver awards.

Special congratulations to Naomi B for gaining her Gold award.