



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 28th November 2014

Dear Parents

The school is an enchanted place to be at the moment with the sound of children singing everywhere. It is hard not to be moved to tears at the sound of young voices singing beautiful Christmas songs and carols and I strongly recommend that you come armed with a tissue for next week's Foundation Stage Performance.

On Friday we were treated to a timely reminder about the joy that good friendship can bring and the importance of kindness as Saturn Class dazzled us with their Class Assembly. A new 'TV station' run by talented Saturn Class all about being a good friend showed cookery programmes and children's fun as well as a weather report showing warm waves of happiness all over Epsom. Thank you very much to all the children who acted and sang so brilliantly and thank you to Mrs London for a wonderful assembly and to Mrs Degg for her support and fabulous props.

At 11am next Wednesday morning Year 2 will be in the Ashley Centre singing Christmas carols at the charity stand outside Dickens & Jones to raise money for Epsom Hospital so if you are around come and support us.

You will note that the Philosopher of the Week is a team! Each week when devising a question, the children work in teams and try hard to collaborate to form a 'perfect' question about life. The skills required for collaboration are ambitious and advanced but the trio listed below shone as one boy formed the base of the question, another tweaked the wording to make it a balanced question and the third confirmed that it had the perfect ingredients for a first class question and duly wrote it down. Well done boys for such excellent behaviour in the lesson and for providing such an interesting question for us all to ponder.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Poppy L for shining this term with enthusiasm and good manners. Well done Poppy!

*Congratulations to our clever children in **Ahlberg House**. You have won the Housepoint challenge with a splendid total of **1433** housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Alexander S, Lola F, Michael S, Harriet G, Toby H, Austin S, Matthew S, Ned S, Annabel H, Jack C, Joe C, Madison H and Lauren H

Philosophers of the Week

Dean A, Austin S and Matthew S

Thought for the Week

Is younger better than older?

Work of the Week

The work of the week this week is from Nursery who are learning about the story of Christmas. This wonderful tableau is by three

talented artists:

Imogen W painted Mary, Jack B painted Joseph and Amy D painted baby Jesus in the manger. Well done clever children!

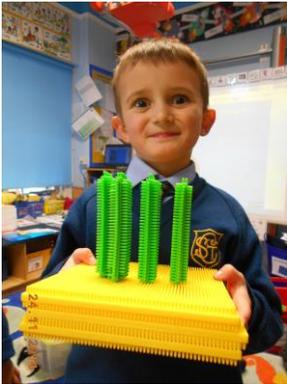


DATES FOR THE DIARY

Foundation Stage News

The nursery has been a 'workshop' full of activity this week. The children love singing and dancing to the songs for the Christmas Performance. Mums and Dads do you know the words yet? The paint, paper and glue have all been maximised this week and heads all measured for the children's headdresses.

There is a lovely Christmas aroma from the kitchen as the children have each been making their decorations for the tree. The Christmas Fair has not been forgotten and the children have all been practising their fine motor skills to make beautiful frames and pictures. Do remember to look out for your child's picture when you come to the fair. They have all been working hard with writing their names on the labels of some surprise packages for Christmas!



We are very proud of the children as they learn to be independent dressing and undressing in nursery. Please remember to check your child's coat, hat, mittens, jumper and shoes are all named. Shoes are particularly tricky as lots of children have the same sensible shoes for school. We are sending a revised uniform list out to all Nursery families to help with your shopping decisions.

We are looking forward to our trip to the theatre on the 12th of December and will be very grateful to anyone who is able to help us walk with the children to the Epsom Playhouse for your children's safety is always our prime concern.

The Reception children have written their invitations for Mrs. Self's surprise party. Afterwards they wrote some imaginary invitations to parties in exciting places such as a Disney Boat and a football stadium. There has been great fun at the role play birthday area in Neptune Class. The children have been dressing up, playing 'pin the tail on the donkey' and preparing all the tasty party treats. Some children



helped make sparkly playdough ready to make birthday cakes. They have been carefully counting candles and writing the number on a label to match.

Out came the glitter, glue and bread and after a little sticking and a bit of mess the children had made some super Christmas tree decorations. The making table has been busy, the children have been creating their props for the 'Wriggly Nativity'. We do hope you like them.



The Foundation Team

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MOST CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

Except Football (last session Tuesday 2nd December)

Violin (last session Thursday 4th December)

and Ballet (last session Monday 15th December)

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

Wednesday 3rd December at 11am

Year 2 Carol Singing in the Ashley Centre

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December at 9.30am

Foundation Stage Christmas Performance in the School Hall

Please remember to bring your tickets.

Saturday 6th December 1 – 3 pm

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Hampers, they will once again make exceptional prizes. We will be making the hampers on Monday 1st December, so any last minute extra donations will be gratefully received.

We are also still collecting for:

**Chocolate Tombola Glass Bottle Tombola Soft Teddy Tombola
DVDs & Games**

Please can you place donations in the boxes under the porch.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

In order for the Fair to be a success we ask everyone to play a small role and man a stall for 30 minutes on the day. Please look out for an email from your Class Rep with further details. We will also be seeking help to set up on Friday evening and Saturday morning, and for clearing up on Saturday from 3pm - **many hands make light work!**

We look forward to seeing you there.

The PTA Committee