



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents

Last week we were lucky enough to enjoy two class assemblies by the talented children in Reception. On Thursday the good ship Neptune set sail with tales about pirates, painted flags and fabulous singing including a solo by Ella D. We loved the colourful costumes and the confident story-telling and everyone gave the able children in Neptune a hearty round of applause. Special thanks to Mrs Fisher assisted by Mrs Self for this excellent assembly.

On Friday Mars Class climbed aboard and shone brightly as they told their pirate tale, danced and sang with great style featuring a beautiful solo by Sophie G. 'Pirates' has been a wonderful topic so clearly enjoyed by the Reception children and we thank Mrs Taperell and Mrs Meredith-Bennett assisted by Mrs Burke for their splendid assembly.

On Saturday we fielded an under 7 football team in the annual Downsend Tournament and we were very proud of our young team who played with courage and perseverance. Congratulations to Fenton F the goalie, Theo R, Isaac F, James H, Nathan H, Lambert S, James W and Maxwell D and thank you for representing your school.

The weekend also brought impressive success for Annabel V who not only won First Place in the Speech and Drama Section of Sutton Music Festival but also saw her awarded a Distinction and gold medal. Well done Annabel! Congratulations to Saraya J, Clara H and Arabella B for entertaining and impressing us all with their piano solos in assembly on Friday earning a well-deserved piano performance certificate each.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Sophia A for being enthusiastic every day with a delightful approach to lunch. And so to Christmas...On Thursday we held our traditional Tree Dressing Assembly with handmade decorations placed on the tree by every single child in the school. It looks magnificent and is ready for you all to admire at our Christmas Fair on Saturday which once again has been brilliantly organised by our amazing PTA team headed up by Mrs Elizabeth Hibbert. I look forward to seeing you all there.

The School has been full of singing this week. The traditional carols are sounding beautiful and the show tunes for next week's production have got us all dancing along. You are in for a real treat!

Bravo to **Dahl** for jumping to the top of the Housepoint Board with a splendid total of **1350** Housepoints.

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Merit Awards

Freya C, Zoe M, Satvika R, Lucy A, Jisoo P, Maxwell D,
Arisa A, Ebba R, Remy O, Alistair H, Nicholas Z and Maximo Y.

Philosopher of the Week

Dylan C and Scarlett S

Thought for the Week

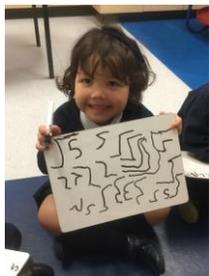
Why does the world carry on when bad things happen?

Event of the Week

This week we decorated our School Christmas Tree. Every child in the school made a beautiful decoration and one at a time they placed the decoration on the tree whilst we sang traditional carols and heard some beautiful solos from Year 2.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Time is ticking ever closer to Christmas and the festivities are in full swing in the Nursery. The children are busy making all sorts of surprises for you to enjoy over the festive season. The whole nursery has been filled with beautiful singing and dancing as the children are busy learning and practising their songs and dances for the Christmas production. Prepare to be amazed, astounded and thrilled with your child next week. We have been using our fine motor skills to decorate our Christmas tree and some

of us have made stars to put on the top. Lavender smelling play dough enhanced the dinosaur world this week, keeping us all calm and relaxed! Outside we have had an obstacle course so the children could develop their gross motor skills and even though the weather has been a bit wet and windy, we donned our wet weather gear and enjoyed burning up our energy. We have also had a giant box to play in - it is fascinating to watch how much fun the children have playing with an enormous box with their friends! We have been using our Nursery post box to write our wish lists to Father Christmas, developing those mark making skills. On Thursday we enjoyed a beautiful carol service in our hall when we all hung our carefully made decorations on the school Christmas tree, it was magical! We look forward to seeing you all next week in the audience and hope you are as proud of the children as we are.



RECEPTION In Reception this week we are rehearsing for our part of the Christmas performance. The teachers are very impressed with the children's loud, clear voices and their ability to learn their line, songs and dances so quickly! Keep practicing over the weekend so that you are all ready for the performances! Also in Reception we have been busy applying, reinforcing and writing all the phonic sounds we have learnt so far this term. We were particularly impressed to see some children attempting to write more challenging words using their 'double sounds'. Top job! Some of them were even using playdough to make cvc words too.



We have been thinking about many celebrations over this half term. We focussed on birthdays this week and the children shared their experiences and traditions when they celebrate their birthdays or that of their family. We set up a 'Birthday table' in class and the children used it whilst completing counting and writing activities. Reception were very excited to see the Christmas tree arrive in school and have made decorations for it. The children can't wait to take them home and put them on their own trees at home. **The Foundation Team**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR ON SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER
2 -4 pm.**

Please come along and support our wonderful PTA at this fun, annual event.



**WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES OF
'GOOD MORNING BETHLEHEM'
ON WEDNESDAY 5TH, THURSDAY 6TH AND FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 9AM.
We look forward to welcoming you all.**

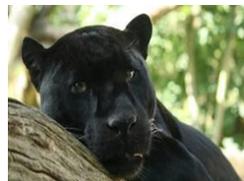
ORGANISED OCTOPUSES

**This week's Organised Octopuses are: Luke M
and Thomas S.**



PLAYGROUND PANTHERS

**This week's playground panthers are: Logan R,
Bailey T, Fraser W, Dylan C, Megan R and Matilda Gi.**



**Mathletics: Congratulations go to:
Matilda G for achieving her Bronze award. To
Arabella M, Gabriel K, Scarlett S, Jisoo P,
Christopher B for gaining Silver. Well done to
Thomas P for achieving Gold.**



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