



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

#### *Dear Parents*

*What a wonderful week we have all enjoyed where creative elves in both pupil form and parent form have been everywhere and, despite the festive excitement, we have all found time to think of others less fortunate than ourselves.*

*Our pupil elves put the finishing touches to their beautiful Christmas Tree decorations and, during a beautiful Tree Dressing Assembly chose their own place on the tree to hang their very own handmade decoration. Do look at the website because we have some beautiful images on the Event of the Week. The Moat Garden Centre, Ewell have once again kindly offered £1 off any Christmas trees when a copy of this Newsletter is shown.*

*The parent elves have also been a great source of support, preparing for the School Fair and helping us manage changes from 'Mufti to Costume' on Friday. Thank you all for your hard work with such good cheer.*

*On Wednesday morning we used more of our skills, this time our voices, to help others. Year 2 walked down to the Ashley Centre to raise funds for Epsom Hospital Medical Equipment Fund by carol singing to a delighted crowd of shoppers. We were so proud of our smartly dressed children and many passers-by complimented them on their lovely uniform and excellent singing skills. We raised a wonderful total of £204.43 towards this very worthy cause.*

*On Thursday it was once again time to think of others with our annual Toy Assembly. This year the charity Oasis, in Cobham who support 300 families in the Elmbridge area were the lucky recipients of your legendary generosity. We were all moved by the sight in the hall of so many toys, books and games that will make somebody's Christmas so much more special than it would have been. Thank you all for supporting this worthwhile event.*

*The play rehearsals have been most enjoyable and the school has been transported back to the 1970s with everyone humming and singing ABBA songs. You are in for a treat next week!*

*Congratulations to our Playground Angels and our Good Shepherds. You are making the playground an even happier place to be!*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Abigail M for approaching lunch with a great big smile! Well done Abigail!*

*Bravo to **Ahlberg** House. You are now in first place with **1388** housepoints with just over a week to go.*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

Philosopher of the Week  
Abigail S

Thought for the Week  
Are pictures important?

## Events of the Week



*Decorating of the Christmas Tree*



*Toy Assembly*



*Carol Singing*

### Foundation Stage News

In Reception this week the children have been learning about Christmas traditions around the world. Did you know that Brazil has the tallest floating Christmas tree and that in Sweden they celebrate St. Lucia's day and eat delicious saffron buns? Everyone enjoyed sharing their own memories of past Christmas's. The children were inspired as they looked through toy catalogues choosing what they should write and ask for on their Christmas lists and letters to Father Christmas.



In Maths the children have been learning how to halve quantities of objects and cut shapes in half. Using marshmallows for the objects made this activity great fun. The children impressed their teachers with their 'sharing' and 'halving' skills. There are lots of ways to help the children to understand these tricky maths concepts.

The Nursery children love the book Sssh! By Julie Sykes and Tim Warnes, which has inspired us to make a sleigh outside with the blocks and dressing up as reindeers – I wonder who this one is with the glowing red nose? In the art room we have been having a go wrapping boxes to make pretend presents to help make a lovely display, with a beautiful Christmas tree and a Santa Claus.

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The children have made delicious Rice Krispie cakes in the kitchen including a Krispie birthday cake. Lots of children are busy making Christmas cards. We have been practising tracing our names using white board pens on laminated name cards to help us learn how to form each letter. This is very tricky so we practise our fine motor control by threading beads, using tweezers to help us sort little toys and using Christmas stencils to draw pictures.

The Nursery and Pre-Reception have their own Christmas post box which will be open for collections next week with a final collection day of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Cards for the rest of the school should be posted in the main reception area.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas play we have been singing and dancing all week, (even when it is not a rehearsal time)! We hope you enjoy the show as much as we do!

**The Foundation Team**



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Most clubs have finished except:**

Except **Ballet** (last session Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December)  
**Football** (last session Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December)  
and **French** (last session Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December)

**PTA Christmas Fair: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1 - 3pm**

See you there!

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Post Boxes**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Box in the Entrance Hall  
Nursery & Pre-Reception Box in Nursery



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9am**

**MAMMA MARY!**

**Don't forget your tickets!**

Please enter the Hall via the back doors. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am. Collections will be made for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Year 2 Sports at Weston Green School, Thames Ditton  
We will be returning at 3.30pm traffic permitting.

**Spring Term After-School Clubs** (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Please return booking forms by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



**Playground Angels and Good Shepherds Awards: Sienna A, Aayushi K, Naomi B, Rowan W, Milo H, Teddy C, Arlo R and Ned S.**



**Mathletics Certificate**

**Congratulations to Athena D, Rowan W and Thomas M for achieving Silver awards.**

**Special congratulations to Arlo R for gaining his Gold award.**