



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013

*Dear Parents*

*Christmas Festivities began this week with style. Our beautiful Christmas Tree is full of handmade decorations and you can admire it at the School Christmas Fair on Saturday. I look forward to seeing you all there to support our hard working PTA.*

*We were delighted by the performances given by your talented children this week. Years 1 and 2 shone at the church on Tuesday with a superb production of 'It's a Party!' Everyone remembered their lines, song lyrics and moves and the careful delivery of these lines ensured that everyone could enjoy this witty script. The Innkeeper and his wife were situated in the pulpit and the Angels, Kings and Shepherds toured the church as part of a very well directed production. Well done to everyone involved for such a memorable performance. The photos of this performance will feature on page 2 and also remember to look on our website which is regularly updated. Next week we will print some details and pictures of the wonderful Lower School performance.*

*On Wednesday Year 2 walked down to Epsom to take part in a charity Fund Raising initiative for Epsom Hospital Medical Fund. They sang carols and Christmas songs for three quarters of an hour and many shoppers stopped to enquire about these "smart" school children with "beautiful voices". We were all very proud and delighted to have raised £140.13 for this local charity.*



*Congratulations to Jack C in Nursery for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar. Jack always lets the staff know how much he enjoys his lunch by politely asking for seconds.*

*As we draw to the end of term the excitement mounts about the positions on the Housepoint Total Chart. This week's winners are **Dahl** with **1257** terrific housepoints. **Bravo!***

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

## Event of the Week The KS1 Nativity Performance



*Finn the Innkeeper is surrounded by the party guests asking him not to wake the baby.*



*The angels danced with grace and beauty*



*Baby Jesus is introduced to Mr and Mrs Innkeeper. Now that is what the noise was all about!*

## Foundation Stage News

Wow! What superstars, a cornucopia of Christmas treats, snowmen, reindeer, stars, robins, a few Father Christmases, and not to forget the nativity. The Foundation Stage Christmas performance was a triumph, next stop, the West End. All the staff and children have been busy all week practicing songs, words and dances, as well as the rehearsing the complicated business of getting on and off the stage.



*I think I am a star*

The nursery children watched the Year 1 and Year 2 children perform their play at school on Monday. The lucky Reception children walked to the church on Tuesday and enjoyed the festive atmosphere as they watched the older children perform their Christmas story. The teachers were very proud of the way the children walked sensibly and sat so quietly in church.

In between rehearsing and performing the Reception children have still had time to paint their picture frames carefully and gluing beautiful gems on them. They have also worked with their cutting and sticking skill to make jolly snowmen. Some children have been fine tuning their colouring skills on lovely Christmas trees. Lots of children have been making and threading their own threading card bells. Many children have been learning to hold stencils very still as they draw around Christmas shapes. Great work children!



*Carefully sticking a Santa hat*

Each day until we break up the children have been taking turns to open the advent calendars they have made in both classes.

In the nursery we are working on our cutting skills to make stars and snowflakes. Some children have been writing letters to Father Christmas, asking for toy dogs and rabbits and even real elephants, or was it the other way round! Lots of children are busy developing their 'fine motor' skills as they colour and draw Christmas cards and they have all been practicing their writing as they prepare Christmas cards.

The children are becoming very independent putting on their coats to go outside. They have enjoyed delivering the Christmas post on the bikes. The children are also busy creating a workshop for Father Christmas too.

It is getting cold outside, please remember that we go out in all weathers so the children need warm and waterproof coats as well as hats. Gloves are very tricky to put on if you are three or four years old so please can you give your child mittens (if you put them on string they are less likely to get lost). Please remember to name all of your child's clothes. Thank you for returning the nursery clothes that you have borrowed.

The Foundation Team

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS NEXT WEEK

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1 – 3 pm**  
**PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Post Boxes**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Box in the**  
**Entrance Hall**  
**Nursery Box in Nursery**



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**  
Wear your festive jumper instead of your school jumper  
for a donation of £1 (or more!)

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – SATURN CLASS ASSEMBLY AT 9am**

Parents are very welcome to attend.

**[Programmes for Christmas Performances](#)**

**If you did not receive a programme for the performances and would like one, please collect one from the school office.**