



St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

*Dear Parents*

*We all enjoyed a wonderful half term full of autumn sunshine. The children have returned refreshed and ready for a very busy term which started with a flurry this week with several exciting events.*

*On Tuesday we saw numbers everywhere. The whole school had used creative and inspirational ideas to turn into a number that was special to them. Some children represented the time that they were born by being both digital and analogue clocks. Some children chose their house number or age and all the staff joined in with some wonderful results. Do see page 2 and visit the website for photos. Every child enjoyed a day filled with maths challenges as the children moved around the school on a carefully prepared timetable. What a wonderful day.*

*Sport was on the agenda this week for the lucky children in Year 2. On Wednesday we enjoyed sporting fun with The Study School in Wimbledon who brought their children to St Christopher's for competitive sporting opportunities. The boys were on the field with Mrs Hawes for football fun and the girls enjoyed scatter ball challenges on the tennis courts with the Wimbledon sport's teacher. They then all enjoyed a delicious match tea provided by Mrs Stubbs. On Friday we sent two teams off to a Year 2 football tournament and more about that in next week's newsletter.*

*On the last day of half term Mars Class dazzled with their assembly about Superheroes. They presented a wonderful show featuring maths, science and singing and even featuring dancing with audience participation. Well done to all the clever children in Mars and a special thank you to Mrs Self, Mrs Meredith-Bennett and the whole team for such a super assembly.*

*Congratulations to Narayan M for his wonderful piano performance in assembly on Wednesday. Narayan delighted his audience by playing two popular Nursery rhymes splendidly. Bravo Narayan.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Luke S for being polite and charming every lunch time. Well done Luke.*

*Well done to all the children in Donaldson House. They started the new half term with the excellent total of 991 housepoints taking them to the top of the board.*

*Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

This Week's Merit Awards

Mathilda K, Miles R, Daisy G, Poppy L, Dean A, Destiny M, Issy S, Arthur L, Thomas C, Baylen B, Sienna A and Lenny S.

Philosopher of the Week

Joaquin G

Thought for the Week

Do people's faces always show what they are thinking?

**Event of the Week**  
**Maths Day- Come as a number!**



We enjoyed an interactive assembly thinking about numbers.



Mrs Degg dressed as she would have looked in 1966 the year she was born.



Mrs Bolton and Jessica both included the number 5 in their costume.



Look at the time that Louisa was born!



Mathilda came as a prime number.



Miss Kate Rendall came as number 1

### Foundation Stage News

*Whoosh, bang, Wee, the fireworks have been exploding In the Foundation Stage.* In Reception the children have been very sensible talking about firework safety. They watched videos of firework displays from around the world and had great fun making firework pictures using chalks, paint and of course glitter. Then they thought of words to describe the sounds: Benji said 'Boom' Matthew shouted 'Bang' and Jack suggested 'Fizz Crack'.

In maths the children have found that it is easier to estimate how many objects are in a group when there are only a few. Learning to estimate is very hard, well done children! There has been lots of counting this week some children can count up to 60 objects accurately WOW !

At circle time the children took time to think and talk about why people wear poppies for Remembrance Day.

Even in such an exciting week Neptune class have still found time to make antennae, leaves and fruits as well as practising their lines for their creepy crawly assembly!

In the Nursery we have talked about the different shapes we used as we placed each shape very carefully to make some super rocket pictures. They have been learning to read the firework words 'Whoosh', 'Bang' 'Wee' with pictures clues. We have also made some great firework pictures on the smart board. The cottage has become a miniature school and the children have loved playing schools especially writing their own books and taking the register.



Our book this week is 'Oliver's Vegetables' which has led to lots of talk about where vegetables come from. We are also thinking about foods which are good for us and food we should eat in moderation. So in the kitchen we have been choosing our favourite healthy foods to go on our pizzas. No chocolate pizzas this week! It has been great fun writing shopping lists in our new role play shop. Lots of children

have visited the shop hope they will be cooking some super healthy meals with their purchases!

All the children had great fun on Maths Day. When the children visited the Reception classes the witches asked the children to make spider biscuits making sure they counted 8 legs carefully. They all had fun with number bingo and exploring shapes in Year 1 and 2. In Nursery they had fun measuring which broomsticks were the longest and which containers held the most water or sand. When exploring weight the pumpkins were too heavy and big to put on the scales! Everyone had great fun and we were very proud of even the youngest nursery children exploring all the activities with such enthusiasm.

**The Foundation Team**



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### **CLUBS: Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Please note that due to parent/teacher appointments, the following clubs will not run:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – No Art club

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – No Indoor/Outdoor Play, Recorders, Chess or Messy Play

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – No Cooking or Sewing

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November: NURSERY Assembly at 9am**



**Poppies for Remembrance Day are on sale at the school office**



#### **Prize winners for Maths Day Number Costumes:**

Year 2- **Luke Surbutts:** An Uno card

Year 1- **Vihaan Singla:** A talking calculator that worked!

Reception- **Rory Parley:** A complete and wonderful number 4

Nursery-**Rafferty O'Halloran:** A digital calculator.

#### **HEADLICE**

We have had a case of headlice in school this week. Can you please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat promptly.