Dear Parents

On Saturday we were delighted to see so many happy faces at our wonderful Christmas Fair. Thank you all for coming to support this annual venture and special thanks to Mrs Elizabeth H and her industrious Team for all their hard work to make the Fair such a success. We were overjoyed to begin our fundraising this term for Pong Tek School in Cambodia with a terrific £336.06 collection on the door. We will add the retiring collections from the shows this week to this and let you know the grand total next week. Thank you all.

Whilst the PTA were setting up the Fair we managed to fit in a late sporting fixture this year! Our football squad represented their school at Downsend Football Tournament on Saturday morning and played brilliantly and we so very proud of the energy and fair play on show. Please see the team photo on page 4.

On Friday Year 2 went to the Barbican to take part in the interactive workshop run by the London Symphony Orchestra. The focus musical piece this year was West Side Story and sitting in the stalls experiencing the whole might of the LSO was a real treat and helped the children understand how you can tell a story using music.

Year 2 have had a busy week thinking of others and sharing their wonderful singing skills and we watched with pride as they shone on Wednesday in the Ashley Centre singing Christmas Carols in aid of Epsom Hospital Medical Equipment Fund. The children then visited Linden House to bring a smile to the elderly residents by reprising their Carols and giving out handmade cards to each named resident.

Thank you Year 2 for bringing such joy to others.

This week will however be remembered for the whole school performance of Lights Camel Action. What a magnificent celebration of the Christmas story and a glorious showcase for every child’s singing, dancing and acting skills. Thank you for your kind comments. We all enjoyed working with our superstars and couldn’t be prouder of them all.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Lily W for her gentle polite manners every single day. Well done Lily who is only 3!

Well done to all the children in Ahlberg House this week for collecting the most Housepoints and now leading the rest with a marvellous total of 1634.

Mrs Annie Thackray
Preparations for Christmas really are in full swing. I'm sure you will have been delighted by your child's wonderful performance in 'Lights Camel, Action!' this week. We certainly couldn't be prouder of all the children especially considering that some are just 2 years old and toptoeing on stage for the very 1st time! We have been sharing the story of the Nativity with the children and most can now talk about the key characters. We have decorated the Nursery Christmas tree, written our letters to Santa and made some special Christmas treats for Santa's reindeers! Many of the children have enjoyed sharing Christmas cards with their friends and we have our very own postbox in Nursery where cards can be posted - last collection will be on Wednesday 13th December. Next week may be our final week of the autumn term, but it will be action packed. On Tuesday we are all going to the Epsom Playhouse to see 'Santa Claus and his Magical Christmas Journey'. Please ensure your child has their navy school coat, wet weather clothes and St Christopher's hat in school so we are ready whatever the weather. On Thursday we will enjoy our Christmas party day where will enjoy an exciting selection of party games and music. Don't forget children can wear their own party clothes, but please ensure they are practical for dancing (and also going to the toilet!)

Well what a busy and exciting week! The children learnt, their lines and performed their songs and dances beautifully. We are so proud of them, aged only 4 and 5 years old, your budding stars are a credit to you all. With all that rehearsing and changing the children are becoming very independent dressing and organising their belongings, they have come a long way in one term. The children's phonics knowledge, blending and reading is a joy to see and progress is very impressive this term. We have all been busy preparing a number of Christmas surprises for you, showing some wonderful artwork and writing skills. All children are very enthusiastic when talking about the presents they want for Christmas and have been happily using their cutting skills to stick pictures of their favourites onto paper ready to help them write letters to Santa next week. We continue to practise counting and ordering numbers to 20 and beyond, as well as counting backwards. We put numbers onto all sorts of things, the children put numbered baubles onto our twig tree in order. We are having great fun doing lots of fine motor, maths, and phonics activities all with a 'Christmassy' theme.

This week's Respectful Rabbits are: James B and Nathan H.

Congratulations to Oliver N in Mars Class for winning the Junior Bake Off at the Christmas Fair.

Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights.

Our Football Superstars