



# St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Dear Parents

Last Friday Neptune performed a wonderful assembly all about Space. The children had taken part in a new project that all classes will benefit from, where a film was made using our wonderful Green Screen and astronauts appeared to point to earth from the moon and indicate 'in the solar system' which planet they were describing. We enjoyed this film together with some wonderful 'live' action as the children sung and danced their way through this impressive assembly. Well done Neptune and a special thanks to Mrs Laura Fisher assisted by Mrs Julia Self for this excellent assembly.

On Tuesday it was Chinese New Year. Miss Holli Zhao presented a wonderful assembly all about the history of this important event and the children joined in happily. It is the Year of the Pig and we enjoyed hearing about the Jade Emperor's original race featuring the set of animals that would eventually form the Chinese Zodiac.

On Wednesday Year 2 set off for an exciting trip to Kidzania. We have been so very proud of each and every one of them and this was a way of saying thank you for all their hard work. Aimed with £50 (well, 50 Kidzos the Kidzania currency) the children set off to enjoy a range of exciting activities at this fascinating centre. They had previously enjoyed a career 'interview' together with a maths lesson to learn how to spend or earn more Kidzos and their enthusiasm was a joy to see. Special thanks to the PTA for paying for this wonderful treat for our lucky children.

As you know we take your child's safety very seriously and every year we join in with the National Safer Internet Day initiative. Miss Kate Rendall put together a day full of games and activities that were incorporated in to the school day reminding the children how important their behaviour is Online. They also had to think about who else uses the internet and they looked at avoiding any upsetting content that is available by staying safe and enjoying the wonders of all that this incredible invention can offer. Please do come to our Safer Surfing Evening next week on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February to learn all about the practical ways that you can help your child-reserve your place by contacting the office.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Sissi H for her lovely smile when choosing her food and coming up for seconds! Well done Sissi.

Congratulations to **Donaldson House** for leaping to the top of the board with an impressive total of **806 Housepoints**.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This Week's Merit Awards

Lucy A, Charlie S, Alexander L, James N, Lily W, Sissi H, Megan R and Harry S.

### Philosophers of the Week

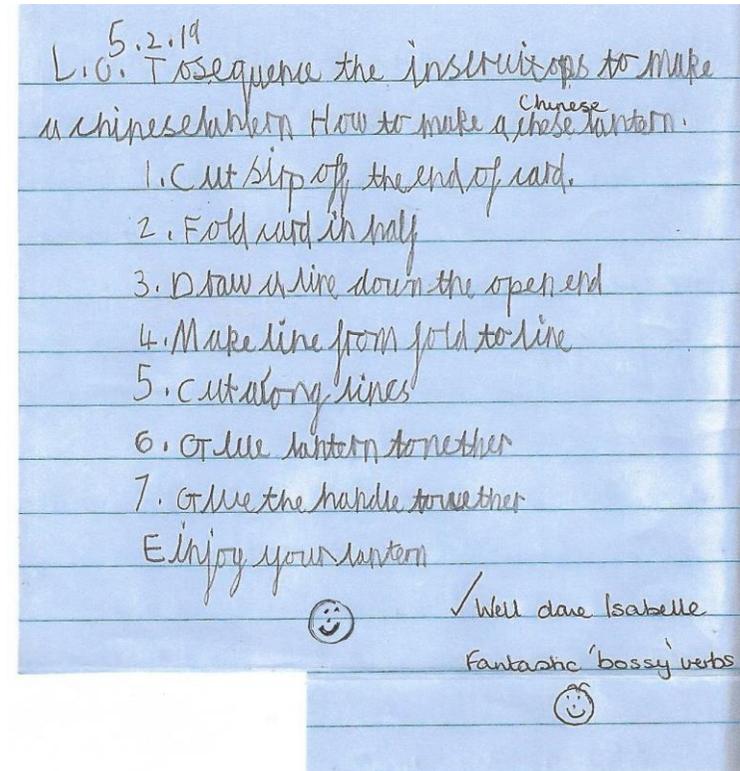
Caitriona O

### Thought for the Week

Is it ever good to be jealous?

### Work of the Week

This week's Work of the Week is from Year 1 Jupiter Class. Isabella has sequenced some 'bossy' (imperative) verbs to make her Chinese lantern. What fantastic neat writing too!



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week is Chinese New Year and the year of the pig! Our very own Miss Holli gave a beautiful assembly complete with a dancing dragon which the children in nursery had helped to paint. Miss Holli gave all the children a red envelope with a chocolate coin inside which is the tradition in China, although the money is usually real! In the nursery, we have been cooking stir fry with Mrs Dye, delicious! The children have been using their cutting skills to cut up all of the vegetables and thoroughly enjoyed eating



the finished product too. Miss Kate has been counting out coins and putting them in the correct numbered envelopes, the children helped her to get it right! Some children have been having a go at building bridges with Mrs Bolton, to help the animals cross the river. In the story of how the Chinese zodiac got its names, all the animals had a swimming race and how they finished determined their position in the calendar, so perhaps a bridge wasn't necessary. There were some good problem solving going on in group time as well this week, where the children helped discover which animal was the heaviest and how to share out food fairly between them all. We have had some great 'Thinkodocuses' this week!

**RECEPTION** We have had another busy week improving and embedding their learning as well as practising new skills and concepts. After an amazing assembly from Neptune, Mars have been 'hot on their heels' practising their lines and getting ready for their performance. They were very excited about performing to their parents! We have learnt about the 'Chinese New Year' and made lanterns and dragon puppets. As part of the celebrations, we made our own shadow puppets too!



Instead of using a Chinese theme, we decided to make space themed ones, with great success! We had rockets, planets and stars to name a few. We loved making shadows with them by using a torch and a white background. We even made up our own stories! In Maths we have continued to practice subtraction practically and some of us can even write and solve a number sentence too! We discovered how to use Numicon to help us as well as small buttons and plastic



figures. You can support your child at home by using the different language associated with subtraction in practical, day to day discussions e.g. 'I need one less/more' or 'Can you take one away please?'

**The Foundation Team**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1.45pm - Sparkles Parent/Teacher Appointments  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7pm - Information Evening for all parents - about Safer Internet Day and Survival Tips for Safer Surfing.  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Y2 Trip to Guildford Museum.

## **THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES - 11.45am - 12.15pm & 2.45 - 3.45 pm**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9am - Pre-Reception Class Assembly (Earth and Sky)  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 9am - Pre-Reception Class Assembly (Moon and Sun)  
*All Pre-Reception parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30 am.*

## **HALF TERM: 18<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**



We were so pleased to see such a positive response to our Kind Koala initiative. Well done to the following children for demonstrating acts of particular kindness this week:  
Jessica H, Elodie B, Sophia A, Maya L and Thomas P.

## **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

This week's playground panthers are Sissi H, Fraser W, Luke M, Max T, Isabella G and Joseph G.



**Mathletics: Congratulations to Joseph G for achieving Gold and to Nicholas Z for gaining his Silver Award.**

This week the Library Quiz was drawn this week by Freya, Millar and Thomas P. All the books had a theme of 'Pigs' to fit in with the Chinese New Year theme.



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