Dear Parents

We finished last half term on a real high with exceptional Harvest Festival performances by every child in the school some of whom have only been in school for a matter of weeks. Thank you to all the families who supported this event and for the generous food contributions together with the astonishing £522 for Epsom and Ewell Foodbank donated at the retiring collection.

We may only have been back a few days but what a busy week we have had. On Monday Year 2 headed up to London to The Barbican for an enchanting interactive Workshop with the London Symphony Orchestra listening to the way sections of the orchestra represent Forests and Fairy tales. It was a delight to experience.

On Tuesday Year 2 were off again representing the school at the official opening of the Garden of Remembrance at Bourne Hall in the presence of Local MP Chris Grayling and the Mayor Councillor John Beckett. The children sang ‘In Flanders Fields’ and planted poppy crosses in memory of those who lost their lives fighting for their country. We were very proud of them all.

On Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed parents in to our Autumn Parents Evenings and it was lovely to see so many of you eager to hear about your child’s exciting progress.

On Thursday and Friday Reception children took to the stage to perform their class assemblies more of which next week.

Congratulations to Gabriel K for winning the competition for St Christopher’s submission for an impressive Christmas Card design for Chris Grayling MP’s House of Commons card. He won a £5 Book Token.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Daniel B for always enjoying his lunches and often asking for seconds.

Congratulations to Donaldson House for taking the lead this week with a grand total of 1359 Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week’s Merit Awards


Work of the Week

This week’s work of the week is from Charlie A. Neptune class have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the gun powder plot, as part of our new topic ‘Celebrations’. Charlie confidently used his phonic skills to sound out and independently write about Guy Fawkes - what a super star! Well done Charlie!
**Nursery and Pre-Reception News**

Nursery are amazing! All the children have come back after half term and been absolute super stars. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their half term news with their key groups and listened carefully to their friends sharing their news. We have whizzed into our learning this week thinking about ‘firework night’. We have been talking about how to stay safe near fireworks and have been creating some amazing fireworks pictures using crayons and black paint as well as creating our own rockets that have flown onto a sparkly display in yellow room! In the kitchen the children have been making firework biscuits to eat at the snack table and have been making their own pizzas including homemade bases and tomato sauce. With our first Pre-reception assembly approaching we have been learning our special lines, actions and a new song about our senses. The children have been practising using their very big voices as well as standing beautifully to listen to their friends. We have even been into the hall to find out where we will be sitting and how loud we need to be for all our grown ups to be able to hear us. We are very excited and look forward to seeing you all next week!

**Reception News**

LET’S CELEBRATE!

Reception are celebrating as we have started our new topic of ‘Celebrations’. We have already started looking at celebrations with the help of the recent event of ‘Fireworks Night’. The children discovered the story behind the festival and looked at pictures of ‘The Houses of Parliament’ and how Guy Fawkes managed to put his barrels of gunpowder under it. We looked at some fireworks and discussed all the different sounds they make as well as all the different colours they could see. Some of the children wrote down the sounds it made on their own firework independently. We made some craft fireworks and looked at how we could make them ‘stand out’ like real ones by adding glitter and sparkles.

We have been counting on and back using a large number line and pretending we too are fireworks waiting to go shooting off into the sky when we reached zero! We looked carefully at the numbers and practised writing them.

With our first class assemblies Reception teachers have been very impressed with the children’s performances they used their loud speaking voices and remembered all the songs and dance moves! Well done all of Reception you certainly made us very proud!

The Foundation Team

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER – PTA SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALES 11.45AM – 12.15PM & 2.45 – 3.30PM IN THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.**

**Wednesday 13th November 9am – Pre-Reception SKY & MOON Class Assembly - All Sky and Moon parents welcome to attend**

**Thursday 14th November 9am – EARTH AND SUN Class Assembly - All Earth and Sun parents welcome to attend.**

**Friday 15th November 9am – SATURN Class Assembly – All Saturn parents welcome to attend.**

For all Assemblies refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

**PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

This week’s playground panthers: Charlie A and Gabriel K.


Spotty Box awards:

- Mia G for completing the tree top adventure at Go Ape!
- Monty H for earning his Stage 1 swimming award.
- Gabby L for being awarded Top Gym Award 4 at her Gymnastics Club.
- Reis P for being awarded Student of the Week at Stage Coach.
- Bailey T for being awarded Top Gym Award 5 at her Club.
- Evelyn W for being awarded Top Gym Award 6 at her Club.
- Emily L earned a Blue Peter Sport Badge.
- Jisoo P for being awarded 3rd place in the set piece 8 years and under at the Kingston Music Festival.

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