



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Dear Parents

*We were delighted to see everybody safely back in time for Bonfire Night fun on Monday and heard about some wonderful half term adventures from the children. We were straight back to work and proudly dispatched our Year 2 stars to Bourne Hall in Ewell to be part of the opening of their Garden of Remembrance service. Following an address by the Mayor and the Museum Curator about the people in Epsom and Ewell who were part of the losses in the First World War, we sang In Flanders Fields with the poignant lyrics from the poem by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae with lovely solos by Annie S and Millar W. The children listened beautifully to a range of poems and readings and then planted crosses in the garden as you will see from the photos on page 2. Well done Year 2.*

*On Tuesday we welcomed parents into school in the morning to share our learning. We were delighted to see so many of you but not as delighted as the children who proudly showed off every page and every picture completed during their industrious first half term. We hope that you enjoyed it and that it gave you an insight ready for Parents Evenings which took place this week.*

*On Tuesday we also prepared our very own Time Capsule to celebrate 80 years and as part of our new Nursery build. We enjoyed our active history experience and watched items such as a school cap, ruler, House Badges and a 80<sup>th</sup> Teddy bear placed in the silver capsule to name but a few. Our Head Girl Artie and Head Boy Myles placed the Time Capsule in a specially prepared area of the brickwork where it will be covered over and hopefully opened one day in years to come and examined by some fascinated historians of the future.*

*Congratulations to Ebba R for being the first solo piano performer of the season. She played 'Au clair de la lune' in front of the whole school on Friday and earnt a well-deserved certificate for this accomplishment.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Reis P for enthusiastically asking for seconds of Mrs Waite's delicious chicken pie. Mrs Waite was delighted!*

*I am at the ISA Conference in Coventry this week and take with me two regional first prize winning pieces of art eligible for the National Competition. I will also be present at the Awards Evening where we have been shortlisted in the top three in the country for an award for Innovation in Partnership. Wish us luck!*

*Bravo to **Kemp** House for gaining top spot on the leader board with a fabulous total of **839** Housepoints.*

*Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

### Merit Awards

Theo R, Myles H, Nadia A, Sam S, Jessica H, James W, Christopher B, Erin O, Sophia A and Reis P.

### Philosopher of the Week

Satvika R, Annie S, Freya C

### Thought for the Week

Is it important to make mistakes?

### Event of the Week

Year 2 out in the community on Monday to open the Ewell Garden of Remembrance in the presence of the Mayor. Having sung 'In Flanders Fields' each child planted a cross.



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Welcome back everybody. I hope everybody stayed safe and enjoyed some fireworks this week. The children had fun learning about firework safety and creating some informative posters to take home. If you did not receive a special poster then I expect your child was off creating a firework mural for our wall display. We used glitter, drippy glue (always fun), coloured pens, pencils, crayons and cut out firework pictures to make a colourful display. The children used their collaborative skills to work as a team to achieve amazing results. In the outside classroom, the children were using brightly coloured ribbons to dance like fireworks, whizzing and swirling all over the place. In music and movement they were throwing our javelin rockets through the air, what a lot of excitement. On Tuesday, we attended a whole school assembly where we watched a time capsule being filled up to be buried in the foundations of our new classroom. I wonder what people will think of our school in 100 years' time! In group time, we have been practising our mark making skills and using the language of size to order caterpillars. Thank you to all the parents who came to see us this week at our parent's evenings. It is always lovely to see you and let you know how your children have settled and celebrate their learning.



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**RECEPTION** Our children have come back from half term and made a flying start to their learning! It is hard to believe that they have only been in Reception for 7 weeks! Excitement was all around us this week as we looked at the celebrations of 'Bonfire Night' and 'Diwali'. For 'Bonfire Night' we listened to the sounds the fireworks made and used words to describe them, then we turned the sound off and watched the fireworks. We then used our words to describe what they looked like. In our independent learning we used the ideas to create firework words of our own. Mrs Self became a story teller this week as she told us all a firework story with props! The children were so inspired by the story that they made lots of their own fireworks out of recycled materials. We made our own firework rockets using 2D shapes and practiced describing them to our friends. To support your child try going on a shape hunt around your home - what shapes can you see? (e.g. a plate = Circle). The children greatly enjoyed learning about the story of Rama & Sita and seeing how people celebrate this festival. They were fascinated with the Diva lights, so we made some of our own using clay! They cannot wait to light them at home. We have copied some of the traditions associated with Diwali too like designing Rangoli patterns and using our hand shape to make mehndi designs. Next week we are starting to prepare for our class assembly. Please help your child practice their lines at home - thank you.

**The Foundation Team**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Year 2 Science and Culture Trip to Millennium Wood, Langley Vale.**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9am – SATURN Class Assembly – All Saturn parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.**



### **ORGANISED OCTOPUSES**

**This week's Organised Octopuses are: James H, Rayyan W and Maxwell D.**

### **PLAYGROUND PANTHERS**

**This week's playground panthers are: Millar W, Leo E and Nathan H.**



**Mathletics: Congratulations go to:**

**Alistair H and James N for achieving their Bronze awards. Also congratulations to Sophie R, Amelia L, Medina O, Charlie S, Joseph G and George S for gaining Silver.**

### **Looking for a Christmas present?**

Some of you may remember the beautiful rhinoceros picture that former governor Caroline Smart donated to raffle for our 'Save the Rhino' Day. She now has her own Zawadi Print Website: <https://www.zawadiprint.com> featuring some of her award winning photographs which may be purchased as prints, on canvas or on cushions etc. Do have a look!

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

