



# St Christopher's School

## Weekly News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of not just the term but the year of 2020 we can all look back with pride. Pride that we were all able to adjust during the tightest of restrictions with staggered entrances and exits, new hygiene routines and changes to everyone's timetables both at home and at school. The lack of audiences made us all feel sad but it did not stop the show from going on and I hope that you have all been enjoying the wonderful filmed versions of Class Assemblies across the term, The Harvest Festival, The Winter Music Concert, the Nativity and, for Year 2, the beautiful Christingle Service. These, together with the excellent Evidence Me

Nursery provision have provided you with a window upon the life we share with your children every day. The courage and determination of the Staff has been driven by the enthusiasm and eagerness of the children and together we have managed to protect the magic of St Christopher's during the most difficult of times. Thank you all for your warm support and exceptional generosity to both the term's charitable initiatives and the amazing Staff gifts. We all feel so very lucky to be part of the St Christopher's Community. The amazing Elf Day alone raised £416.88 for the Alzheimer's Society and brought a much needed sparkle to the school helped by the wonderful parents who joined in too! Thank you all for your wonderful toy donations for distribution by Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. They were extremely grateful.

I would like to say a special thank you to our exceptional PTA led by Vanessa Rapier supported by Tina Halls, Claudine Sustarich and a wealth of wonderful parents. You have helped to protect the festive fun with your wonderful Christmas initiatives and the children have enjoyed them all. The prize winning stickers underneath one lucky cake in each class's Treat Day refreshments was an exciting new idea enjoyed by all.

This week we say goodbye to the talented Mrs Kate Chandler who has secured a job at a school nearer to home in Godstone and although we are all sad to say goodbye we wish her every happiness in her new position so close to home and her young family. Replacing her will be Miss Clare Fleming, an experienced practitioner with most recent experience at Aberdour. In addition we have a new Nursery Teaching Assistant Miss Erin Ridgwell, joining our happy Nursery squad. We know that you will make them both feel quickly welcome.

Christmas will be different but different can be good. Many new traditions will begin this year I suspect and during 2020 we have learnt to be grateful for even the smallest of things such as being together in our small bubbles. I have certainly especially appreciated every kind word and message of support this year. On behalf of the whole Staff Team may I wish you a Christmas full of joy and a New Year that will bring health and happiness to all. See you in 2021!

With very best wishes

Annie Thackray

Headteacher

