



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 11th September 2020

#### *Dear Parents*

It has been a delight to have enjoyed the first full week back witnessing children who have settled incredibly quickly eager to learn and be back with their friends. We are now experiencing a little bit of normality and trying to keep the intense restrictions to the back of our minds now as all safety procedures have been successfully adopted from day 1 and are now becoming just a way of life.

Our little Nursery apple tree has reflected our little Nursery pupils- bursting with life in large numbers, in this case apples! You will see from page 3 that Nursery have been making maximum use of these crops and they have enjoyed watching (and tasting) the journey from apple tree to apple cake. They worked beautifully together to create a delicious cake and Juliana came up to present me a piece as you will see from the montage, which I very much enjoyed!

On Wednesday we were all delighted to welcome our wonderful Art Director Mrs Degg back for a new term. Her focus for the children is the English artist J M W Turner. I was greeted in Venus Class with enthusiastic children telling me about the 3 special features that we associate with Turner's paintings: Energy, Strength and Emotion/Feelings. The children were in the middle of creating some exciting pictures featuring a vortex, storm and ship using dry pastel techniques and they were especially effective.

In Reception it has been all about Superheroes. The children have created some clever collages of themselves as their chosen superhero and they have even written about their own super-powers and strengths. Well done Reception children.

We will miss you all being here in person next week for our annual Parent Information Evenings but as you will amount to more than 6 per night it will be sadly impossible! The teachers have been working industriously to record their information presentations prior to our live Zoom meetings and these have been done most professionally using Loom, a new resource to allow a talking head to appear at the edge of each slide! I look forward to seeing you all next week (albeit on a screen) so that we can help to prepare you for a successful year ahead.

Congratulations to Thomas M for being the first of the year to be nominated as this week's Lunchtime Superstar, for introducing himself with such splendid manners to our new assistant cook Mrs Lovatt and for being an amazing diner.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House for winning the first Housepoint challenge of the autumn term. The total Housepoints this week are **304** so well done to everyone in **Ahlberg** House. Mrs Thackray had to collect and count these herself and I am really looking forward to next week when we will be introducing the new Honours list and our brand new House Captains will be able to collect them for me.

*Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher*

#### *Merit Awards*

*Olivia H, Clara G, Blake Y, Quinn K, Bella I, Charlie A, Emily S, Dexter R, Yasmin M, Benjamin C,  
Megan R, Harry L and Reis P*

## Work of the week

Year 2 have been learning about story structure. Mercury Class enjoyed reading, Paddington at the Tower discussing what is needed for the beginning, middle and end of a story. Benjamin included some fantastic adverbs, speech and detail in his retelling of the story. The purple marker highlights and celebrates all the impressive language and grammar Benjamin has used. What wonderful work!

Tues 5th Sep 2020

Paddington at the tower

Paddington was walking in the very busy road peacefully saw Mr Gruber's fascinating antique shop. He wanted to have a exciting mystery outing. He was enjoying delicious packing his delicious sandwich and as happy as a glass Mr Gruber got Judy and Johnson. They were off on the shiny red bus. It was quite a while before patient Paddington arrived at the busstop happily when they arrived at the old four of London. When he was excitedly he saw a smart Bear eater. Paddington gave him lovely sandwich kindly. As soon as he did that Mr Gruber suggested to go to the shiny rich famous crown great jewels. The crown jewels was as shiny as gold.

Why don't we go and eat our contented lunch? Said Paddington.

While they the curious events were behind paddington quietly. Surprisingly they were eating paddington's delicious sandwiches. The cute man and the tough Bear eater came down stirring.



From apple tree to apple cake 🍏



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please make sure you have watched your Year group presentation via Parent Mail and we look forward to seeing you via our live Zoom meetings as detailed below

**Year 2** 14th September at 7pm

**Year 1** 15th September at 7pm

**Nursery & Pre-Reception** 16th September at 7pm

**Reception** 17th September at 7pm



**Parents Evening** 7th & 8th October via zoom



**Appointments** to be booked soon



## Team Building House Day

22nd September House t-shirts to be worn to school and P.E kit for the day



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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

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to be entered into our Coffee & Cake themed Prize Draw

**Prizes Include:**

**SMEG Espresso Machine**

**Betty's Tea Shop Hamper**

*Including: Sauvignon Blanc, Tea, Cakes & Biscuits*

**SMEG Kettle**

**Showstopping Strawberry Cake**

*Vanilla sponge with a light strawberry meringue buttercream & fresh strawberries*

**Pandibakes – Cupcake Bouquet**

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**All of the children in school will be given a home baked cupcake as a special treat at break time on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

Prize Draw will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

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