



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents

We are back! The school is full of lively contentment and the children have not stopped smiling. The balloons were dancing in the breeze on Monday to welcome everyone back and also for some wonderful Happy Birthday love. What a glorious start to the week; singing and flowers and some delicious cake enjoyed by us all. Thank you all for your warm kindness.

The children have approached all of their learning with eager enthusiasm and the Staff are absolutely delighted to be back and of course the icing on the cake this week has been our postponed World Book Day. Choosing 'Bedtime Stories' as our theme was inspirational because you have all been working extremely hard at home with your children and we thought the task of creating a costume at a time when shops and retailers remain shut was arguably one step too far!

The children arrived on Wednesday in their colourful pyjamas holding their favourite bedtime story and the Staff looked equally fabulous. It was a wonderfully cosy day with books, books and more books dominating the day. Both adults and children enjoyed sharing recommendations and are now ready to try something new. We enjoyed an exciting 'Bookmark Competition' with prizes for each year group and prize winners are listed below.

Our 'midnight feast' comprised of chocolate milk and some very tasty rocky road treats and this led to another highlight of the day; our session with published author Claire Freedman author of 'Aliens Love Underpants' to name but one. Claire read some of her books to us and talked about life as an author. She then took questions from each class and commented upon the brilliance of these. For example Izzy in Year 1 asked "Are you in any of your stories?" Although the answer was 'no' Claire did point out that her Teddy who was sitting on a shelf next to her did appear in one of her stories about 'Cuddle Bear'. Thomas in Neptune asked how many stories Claire had written and the answer was 120! I loved Amelie in Year 2's question 'What are you writing now-can we know the title?' which completely flustered our author who had not come across such mature young pupils! It was a very enjoyable and illuminating Q & A session. Special thanks to Mrs Louisa Taperell for all her hard work organising this day.

Another highlight of Wednesday was the receipt of our very own bear pictured below! Huge thanks to our wonderful PTA for these gorgeous bears and to Mrs Tudor-Williams and Mrs Henry for creating and putting on the gorgeous Paddington-referenced labels! What a delight.

This week we return to our Lunchtime Superstar Certificates and our wonderful Catering Team have nominated Nyah Kumar for appreciating the delicious lunches so much that she returns to the team to request and enjoy seconds! Well done Nyah!

Thank you all for such an enjoyable 'first week of term'!

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

Bookmark Competition Awards

Pre-Reception- Meili L

Reception Arya K

Year 1 Bethany C

Year 2 Holly D

Philosopher of the Week

Felicity V and Rumi W

Thought for the week

Should you take care of your emotions?



Highlight of the week

Our postponed Book Day celebrations, we all came dressed in our pyjamas with a favourite bed time story. What fun we had!



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Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Wow! What a fabulous week we have had in Nursery, we are so pleased to welcome everybody back. We have been thinking about magical and mysterious creatures in Nursery and this week has been all about witches and wizards. 'Room on the Broom' has been our focus story. In the kitchen our witches and wizards have been creating potions using fruit and vegetables. We have been using different equipment and skills including grating carrots, chopping apples and carefully measuring orange juice. We used our magic



blender to mix the potion; we then said our magic spell and decided what our potions were for. We had lots of teachers turning into unicorns, frogs and many more creatures! We used our imaginations in Green Room to create special broomsticks; there were so many great ideas, we had magic



booster buttons, broomsticks with chocolate factories and broomsticks that could grow wings! A witch or wizard must have a magic wand; so the children made their very own wands and thought of some wonderful magic spells. We had some gruesome potions created in Blue Room; the children requested worms, slugs, fingers, eyes, and many more ingredients to add to their cauldrons. We were so pleased to see so many different books that we shared on World Book Day and all the children's cosy pj's. What a fabulous week!



Reception News



What a lot of happy faces we have seen in Reception this week! Mars and Neptune were overjoyed to be reunited on Monday and the children have seized all the exciting activities on offer with particular enthusiasm. This week we introduced the well-known; 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' through story, drama and 'talk for writing' in readiness to create story maps. We also enjoyed making binoculars in preparation for going on a 'Bear Hunt' in the grounds of St Christopher's next week. We were also very keen to tackle our maths lessons. This week we found practical ways of revisiting our number bonds to 10 using cubes, Numicon and of course... bears! We are most impressive at recording our number sentences, well done Team Reception!

The highlight of the week was Wednesday's World Book Day celebration! We loved sharing books and hearing from author Claire Freedman who shared her book *Aliens Love Underpants*. Kitty and Thomas even got to ask her a question each about being an author. We were very proud. Thank you to our lovely PTA for our special World Book Day Bears. We loved them! Above all we were just so very delighted to be back together and we enjoyed lots of Circle Time opportunities to explore our feelings after such a long time away. Everyone has settled brilliantly. Well done children!



The Foundation Team