



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

#### Dear Parents

*Taking the whole school on an outing requires more than a little care and organisation but the excitement that this adventure generated reminded us all of how the world looks through the eyes of our young children. We all headed off to St Martin's Church on Thursday for the rehearsal and on Friday for the beautiful annual Harvest Festival which has firmly become one of our traditions. Every child had learnt both a poem and a song and Year 2 not only featured two soloists, they also provided a troupe of dancers who complimented our theme of 'Harvest around the World' beautifully. Thank you all for your generous contributions and for supporting your children so enthusiastically.*

*Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Forum on Tuesday. Governor Nigel Field, who chaired the meeting was pleased to see parents satisfied with the school responses to some well thought out questions. We will be sharing those with you via email for all those unable to attend.*

*On Wednesday Zachary C delighted us all by playing a piano solo in Assembly and earning a beautiful certificate. Well done Zachary.*

*Last week's Library Raffle was a great success. Thank you to all the lucky winners for returning their books promptly with such positive feedback. There was great excitement in the Church this week where the raffle was run once again by this week's duty Librarians Jack D and Matthew S.*

*Congratulations to Ethan L who won the best design for the School Christmas card. We have ordered 100 cards with Ethan's design and these will make their recipients very happy with such a bright and colourful design.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Freya P who makes the Team happy by regularly telling them why she enjoys her lunches so much. Well done Freya.*

*Well done to all the children in Ahlberg House who have won the Housepoint challenge this week with a splendid total of 633 Housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

#### This week's Merit Awards

James H, Athena D, Matthew S, Zahra K, Lambert S, Ethan L, Nathan H, Annie S, Esme T, Jasmine C, Rayyan W and Caitriona O.

#### Philosopher of the Week

Ziyah O

#### Thought for the Week

Why are people mean?

### Work of the Week

This week it is Jupiter Class who have provided our Work of the Week.

In Year 1 we have been learning to rhyme. We listened to the poem called,

"There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly."

Henrietta L was inspired to do some rhyming of her own.

Wednes iday  
There was an old lady  
who swallowed a  
cat how bad is that.  
There was <sup>was</sup> a bird How <sup>who</sup>  
swallowed a mouse  
and ran bac to its house.  
There was an old  
cow who swallowed  
a truck. what bad luck.

Excellent work!



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

I cannot believe that we are already in week six of the Autumn term, how quickly the time is going but what a lot we have packed in! The children have learned all about road safety down in our new bike area in preparation for our walk to the church for our Harvest celebration.

A veterinary surgery has appeared in purple room generated by the children who enjoyed bringing the soft toys to Mrs London to 'fix up' last week. Mrs Rendall has introduced the drill to the woodwork bench, allowing our little carpentry apprentices to further their skills. Digging for vegetables in the digging patch and putting on puppet shows have been the focus in our Nursery Garden, not forgetting the taxi rank, garage, traffic lights and police presence in the bike area. The smell of flapjacks has filled the air, all contributing to a delightful week.



## Reception News

Little Red Hen has been the focus story this week. We have been looking at vegetables that were harvested from Mrs Bolton's garden and learned about how wheat is harvested and turned into flour. The children have made bread rolls in the shape of hedgehogs, working on their motor skills and strength by kneading the dough and 'pinching out' the prickles. The children have enjoyed using conkers for counting and matching to the corresponding numeral. We have enjoyed Autumn walks to collect leaves and beech nut shells to make Autumn crowns, finishing off with rolling conkers in paint. A lovely autumnal week.



**The Foundation Team**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Pupil photographs being taken**

– Please send your child in to school in smart school winter uniform.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Visit the Poppy Factory**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9 am – Pre-Reception Class Assembly** – All parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – PTA Treat Day and Children's Discos – £1 donation**

Crazy socks and tights please. Details available from the PTA.

## **HALF TERM**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Winter Uniform to be worn by all children after half term.

Please remember that the winter uniform for all boys includes their smart tie with a long sleeved shirt and long grey winter socks with a blue and yellow stripe at the top.



This week's Happiness Hamsters



This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and we have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils: Freya P, Sophie M, Zac P, Joe C, Caitlin D, Leo R, Mia P, Jago G, Lily C, Louis G and John D.



**Mathletics: Congratulations to Tommy C, Sophie B, Oliver M, Sophia M and Kai K for gaining their Bronze awards. Well done to Freya P and Ziyah O for achieving their Silver Awards and special congratulations to Mathew S for being awarded Gold.**

## PARKING

We have had a complaint from a neighbour about thoughtless parking in Downs Avenue. Please remember this is a private road.



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