



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents

*I was in Lincoln last week at a Head Teacher's conference and sadly missed the wonderful performance by Mars Class in their assembly on Friday. I was greeted on Monday by a raft of praise from staff telling me what an enjoyable and outstanding assembly I had missed. The children spoke with loud and clear voices as they narrated the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. This together with dancing, singing and speaking in French gave us a delightful insight into life in Reception. Well done to all the talented children in Mars Class and thank you very much to Mrs Taperell, Mrs Chandler and Mrs Self. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to send Mrs Chandler off on her maternity leave with the good wishes of everybody present together with a booklet containing some helpful suggestions by Mars Class for new baby names that will sit comfortably with the surname of Chandler such as 'Rose Petal', 'Spot' and 'Jesus'. We look forward to hearing which of the suggested names she has chosen in a few weeks' time!*

*During the conference last week, the National finals of the ISA Art Competition took place and schools from all over the country were able to participate but were only able to enter submissions that had won first place in the Regional Art Competitions. As you will correctly imagine, the standard was accordingly incredibly high. We had won 6 first places in the June regional competition and accordingly I took all 6 up to Lincoln with me. To my absolute delight we won 1 first place, 2 second places and 1 Highly Commended with our entries which is a terrific achievement at National level by St Christopher's brilliantly steered and guided by our talented Mrs Degg.*

*On Wednesday Oliver M was most impressive as he played his piano solo Good King Wenceslas in Assembly earning a lovely certificate. He played with confidence and evident pleasure. Well done Oliver!*

*On Thursday Year 2 set off for their London visit to St Paul's Cathedral and the Museum of London. They experienced the joys of the Whispering Gallery and a 'back stage' tour of areas not shared with the general public.*

*On Friday Librarians Matthew S and Lauren M assisted Mrs Serrano run the weekly Library Raffle reflecting the National non-fiction month in the choice of books. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Oliver N for asking for seconds every day with beautiful manners.*

*Special congratulations to **Kemp House** who have won the Housepoint challenge this week with a wonderful total of 1206 Housepoints.*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Yin-Lily T, Kai K, Jack B, Lily C, Clara H and Zoe M.

Work of the Week

This week's Work of the Week is by Jessica H in Reception. Neptune Class have been thinking about Celebrations and this week have planned a surprise party for Mrs Self's birthday. Completely unaided, Jessica set about preparing a list and used her phonic knowledge to spell her words all by herself. Mrs Self will be delighted to see that balloons, party hats, party cake and food appear on the list. Well done Jessica. Please remember not to let Mrs Self know!

14-11-16

1. balloons

2. parteeey hats

3. Parteeey cac

4. food

Well done!

I call independent.

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

It is the middle of November already and we are fast approaching Christmas. How time flies! We have been cooking Anzac biscuits this week in celebration of Remembrance Day and I hope you had a try of your child's delicious handy work. Mrs Rendall has been making carefully cut lanterns with the children to celebrate St Martin's Day, a German festival which marks the end of harvest. Mrs Savil has been making hand print poppies which have turned out beautifully. Mrs Ansell has turned the digging patch into a paleontologist's dream, digging for dinosaurs. On the road area, Mrs Taylor has made a gym, complete with dumb bells for some fabulous circuit training. Mrs Headdey has been comparing leaf sizes in the red room. A play dough disco, shaving foam mark making and rhythm spells to turn Mrs Dye into a dinosaur, not forgetting P.E with Mrs Pryor brings an end to our busy week.



## Reception News

Birthdays parties have featured highly this week with many preparations taking place. We have been making a list of things we need for a party using the sounds we know, for example: presents, cake, candles and invitations. We have been learning the days of the week and the months of the year through songs. Ask the children to teach you too. We have really enjoyed making poppies out of construction equipment and James made a most impressive telescope using different media, isn't it tall? Neptune have been hard at work rehearsing their class assembly to share with you on Friday.



REMEMBER TO SEND IN ANY  
WOW MOMENTS TO SHARE AT SCHOOL

The Foundation Team

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Box Office Opens for our Christmas Production – Please post your return slips in the Box Office Post Box under the back porch. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9am – Music Assembly

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 2 Trip to the Barbican Centre

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 9am – JUPITER Class Assembly  
All parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am



**PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 1 – 3 PM**  
**The hamper boxes are now in the back porch ready for donations for this popular event.**

**Mathletics: Congratulations to Leo Romay for gaining his Bronze Award.**



There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers may have played roughly before but are now committed to gentle safer play. This week's Playground Panther is Benji S.

This week's Happiness Hamsters. This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils: Caiden G, Rafael I, Jasmine C and Henrietta L.



we