



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 2nd December 2016

Dear Parents

*And lo, with a glance at the calendar, a special arrival was duly noted, for December triumphantly arrived bringing great joy to everyone at St Christopher's. The School is looking beautiful and a glance at page 2 will show some of the hard work by the children to ensure that every single decoration on our huge Christmas tree was handmade and lovingly placed on it by each child during our elegant Tree Dressing Assembly on Thursday. We enjoyed a range of beautiful Christmas Carol solos sung by Year 2 and say thank you to the talented and tuneful singers listed below. Last Friday we all enjoyed Jupiter's colourful assembly all about pets. Reflecting their study of All Creatures Great and Small, this half term's focus on pets was a joy to hear about. The acting at the pet shop was a triumph and we loved the choral speaking with the two enjoyable poems. Just before a fabulous song we were treated to a real surprise with the entrance of Denbie Dog and his owner, Mrs Degg in costume and the huge applause for Jupiter Class reflected our appreciation for such a wonderful assembly with special thanks to Mrs Kay for this entertaining show. On Thursday we thanked Ethan Lopez-Timur for designing this year's School Christmas card and presented him with a book voucher prize. We also heard the good news about Frederick K whose Christmas card had been chosen from many entries in the Borough as runner up in MP Chris Grayling's card competition. Frederick will be receiving a special certificate in recognition. Well done to Librarians Matthew S and Jack D for assisting Mrs Serrano by plucking names from the 'Cat in the Hat' hat for the last weekly Library Raffle of the year featuring Christmas themed books. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Gabriel K for being so polite and enthusiastic with every meal. Congratulations Gabriel! I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on Saturday. Thank you to the whole PTA for their wonderful work and special thanks to Louisa H for all her hard work as she steps down as PTA Chair. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** House who remain at the top of the Leader Board this week with a total of **1482** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Soloists of the Week

Freya P Dara O, Sophie B, Robyn C, Annabel H, Jamie H, Oliver M, Liberty R and Freya M.

Philosopher of the Week

Daisy M

Thought for the Week

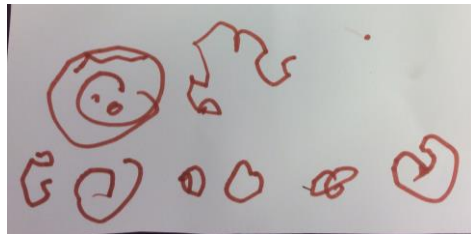
Even in great need ask rather than steal for some people will be glad to help.

Event of the Week Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

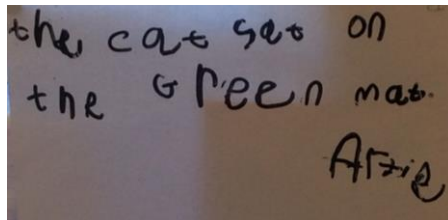
December has arrived and so has Christmas in the Nursery. The children have been busy making their Christmas wish letters to Father Christmas. Some of the children have tried really hard to write the first sound of each of their presents. The wood work bench has made another popular appearance this week and we have been drilling holes in wooden circles to make our decorations for the school tree. Ella used her super strong muscles to help Mrs London and the children make many holes. 'Santa Cams' have been seen around the school reminding children of all the good manners and lovely learning they can do to impress Father Christmas. The children have been using their fine motor skills to decorate our own tree, they have had to do this several times as the cheeky elf keeps taking it apart again when they are not looking! Have a look at George's independent writing, what a clever boy!



Reception News

We have been busy doing maths investigations with potatoes, yes, you did read 'potatoes'! We have weighed them, measured them, counted them, compared them, put them in order of size, and we have even eaten them at lunchtime too. Some excellent independent writing has been taking place, look below to see one of the many examples. Candy Canes made from beads and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeers using lolly sticks are our decorations of choice for the school tree. It's all very exciting as the term journeys on, especially with the singing and dancing so carefully prepared for our play next week!

The Foundation Stage Team



DATES FOR THE DIARY



PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 1 - 3 PM

**Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th 9am –
Whole School Christmas Performance of
'The Christmas Jigsaw'.**

Friday 9th – Extra Tennis Session.



You will have noticed our lovely new Reception Outdoor Learning Zone situated at the end of the playground. Please take care not to let children and their younger siblings play in this area outside of school hours. Thank you.



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 Panthers are: James B, Jack B, Ebba R and Morgan W.



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: Noah B, Sophie B and Lea B.