



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents

*The children have returned from their half term break full of energy and poetry! We have enjoyed hearing every single contribution during Poetry Recital Week and have marvelled at the talents of your young children. Performing on stage we celebrated children from not yet 3 to 7 years old and the delight which they conveyed performing their magical recitals was absolutely immense. It was a nearly impossible task to separate the finalists and we thank Governors Helen Crossley and Caroline Smart for judging the Thursday Final. The prize winners are listed below and there are some super photos on page 2. Thank you all for supporting this wonderful venture. Please do continue to share poems at home, the children love hearing and reading them.*

*On Tuesday Reception went to Rosebery Park to observe real ducks as part of their new topic: 'Amazing Animals'. The children watched with delight as the ducks flew in and studied their swimming action.*

*We are delighted to now be an active member of The Woodland Trust. The aim of this admirable organisation aim is to protect existing woodlands and also to create new woods for the next generations to enjoy. We were thrilled to receive our Bronze Award this week to recognise our efforts to protect woodland areas. To create a living tribute to everyone who played a part in the First World War, each country within the United Kingdom have chosen one dedicated spot to plant a new forest. The area nominated for England is Langley Vale just up the road from us! Accordingly on Friday wonderful Mrs Headdey accompanied representatives from our very own Year 2 complete with wellies and spades to take part in this special event. Thank you to our amazing Year 2 parents for their support for this worthwhile and memorable project.*

*Next week we are hosting our Spring Parents' Evenings and I look forward to seeing many of you then as you catch up formally to discuss your hardworking children. This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Niamh H for being extremely polite, demonstrating impeccable manners every day. Well done Niamh. Congratulations to all the children in **Dahl** House. You are this week's winner with an impressive total of **1103** Housepoints. Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

#### This Week's Poetry Awards

KS1	1 <sup>st</sup> Zac P
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Seth J
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jago G
EYFS	1 <sup>st</sup> Isaac F
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jessica H
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gabriel K



### Event of the Week Poetry Recital Competition From Age 3 to Age 7 dazzling in the Grand Finals



Judges Mrs Helen Crossley and Mrs Caroline Smart, our governors had an extremely difficult task!



Prize Winners

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

The Nursery has been filled with the sound of poetry this week as our poetry competition kicked off with the sound of small children joyfully reciting the poems they had learned in such a brave and confident manner! It is hard to believe they are so little sometimes. The book of the week is 'Foggy Foggy Forest'. The children have had great fun guessing who is in the forest by looking at their silhouettes. There is Goldilocks eating 'chocs' and an ogre doing yoga! The children have been seeing what it is like in a foggy forest by using torches in our cottage and creating their own forest in the red room. Sound of the week is 'n' to add to s, a, t, p, i. You can now use these six sound to make plenty of exciting words. Do try this out at home. We have been improving our ball skills work with plenty of bouncing, throwing and catching fun.

## Reception News

Reception have been reading the story 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell. To kick the story off to a flying start, we decided to visit the ducks at 'Rosebery Park'. When we arrived at the park we were delighted to observe ducks in flight and watch their swimming action. Upon our return to school, we wrote about the thoughts and feelings of the different characters in the book as well as thinking about friendships. Sharing, being kind and using polite words are such important qualities we all felt that we would look for in a friend. We have very friendly classes and our new children have settled in extremely happily and are already making good friendships across Reception classes and indeed with the whole school.



*The Foundation Stage Team*

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Great House Pancake Relay  
**(All children must have their house t shirt in school please).**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 5.30pm –  
Parent/Teacher Appointments.

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY OUTSIDE CLUBS AND YEAR 1 ART CLUB WILL  
BE RUNNING ON THESE DAYS**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Dahl World Book Day – Fancy dress in  
Dahl theme (Please see letter for details).

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9am – VENUS Class Assembly  
*All Parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch  
from 8.30am.*



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY**

**Nursery and Pre-Reception - 11 - 11.45am**

**Reception, Y1 and Y2 - 2 - 2.45 pm**



**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: Leo R, Niamh H and Dylan F



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