



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents

Xin nian kuai le. For those who have not studied Mandarin, I have just wished you all a Happy New Year for, when many of you will be reading this we will just have welcomed in The Year of the Rooster. The school has been ablaze with red and gold this week as the children have investigated the wonderful annual celebration of the Chinese New Year for red is an important colour in Chinese culture symbolising prosperity.

On Friday we all enjoyed Jupiter Class's informative assembly about the origin of the foods we eat. From the 'field to the plate' was a lovely approach for our young children to take and we all enjoyed hearing from farmers, millers, bakers and cheesemakers to name but a few! The acting was super and the props were splendid and the lovely artwork was immensely impressive. It was an excellent performance and we say a huge well done to the Jupiter children and thank you very much to Mrs Kay and Mrs Degg.

On Thursday we welcomed our regular tutor Jay Bristow from Forest School who worked with the children to make trails. Using sticks and branches they created trails to study and identify bugs and continued this under the tuition of our own Mrs Headley. The children love problem solving outside and enjoy their special hot chocolate treat.

Thank you to all those who have returned your Parent Questionnaires. These were sent directly to our Board of Governors and have been taken off for independent analysis. I look forward to reporting back to you shortly. Our Governors take an active interest in all parts of the school and each term they take it in turns to spend a day in school to experience life at St Christopher's first hand. This week we welcomed Mrs Katie Moilliet in and she will report back to Governors at their February meeting.

On Thursday it was the turn of Ziyah O and Elliot M to help Mrs Serrano run the weekly Library Raffle.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Kai K for such a wonderful improvement in the range of foods that he now enjoys. Well done Kai!

*Well done to all the children in **Donaldson** House for hopping to the top of the Leader Board this week with a grand total of **612** Housepoints.*

Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

Elliot M, Robyn C, Lottie R, Lily T, Baylen B, Mia P, Freya M, Eden H, Caitlin D, Arabella B, Morgan W and Isaac F

Philosopher of the Week

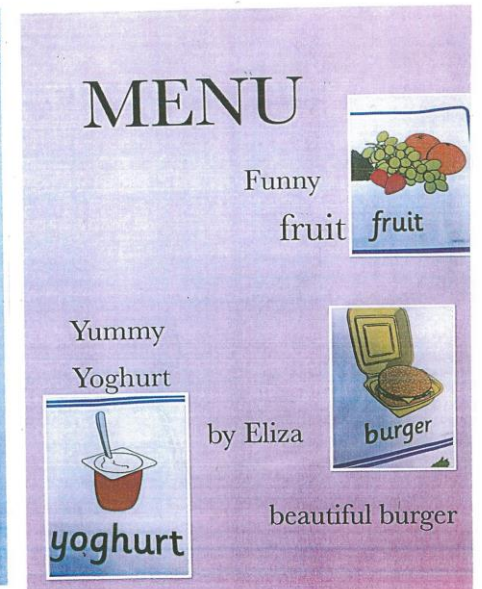
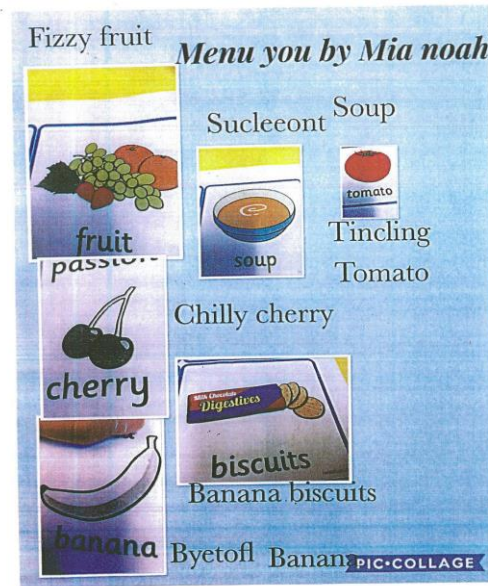
Sophie M

Thought for the Week

Why do people choose not to be honest?

Work of the Week

The children in Year 1 Saturn Class have been thinking hard about using alliteration. During their investigations they used i pads in their Topic work to create delicious menus. Eliza, Mia and Noah should be very proud of this super work using adjectives and alliteration all by themselves in this 'wonderful weekly work'.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our book this week is 'The Little Red Train to the Rescue'. We have been creating a view from a train window scene in our role play area and making a train picture out of 2D shapes. In the kitchen the children have been choosing appropriate shaped fruit to create a train and then enjoying eating the finished product. The woodwork bench is being used to cut the wood that needs to be loaded onto the train and outside the children have made train tracks with chalk and built a rather impressive train with the big blocks. Our sound of the week is 't', there are many parts of our body that begin with 't', ask your child to tell you what they are. We have also revised 's' and 'a'. Writing 't' is easy when you use the rhyme, 'down the tower, cross the tower'. Our sound next week will be 'p'. You will notice that using just these letters we can now make small words, eg: sat, pat and at. Thank you to Mr C who came into Nursery and Reception this week to help us to celebrate Chinese New Year.



Reception News

We have had a fantastic time in Reception this week thinking about Chinese New Year. We have enjoyed the story about how the animals earned their 'year' in the great race. In maths we used the animal race to help us with our ordinal numbers to 12 and learnt that the Rat came 1st. We used Google earth to find out where China is and looked at maps and the globe. We investigated Chinese traditions and enjoyed tasting rice noodles and fortune cookies. We have been very clever using chopsticks to pick up rice, beads and other small objects and we have enjoyed writing Happy New Year in Chinese characters. We loved making Chinese lanterns.

Thank you to Freya C's daddy for consolidating all our knowledge with his wonderful presentation.

The Foundation Stage Team

REMEMBER THAT NURSERY AND PRE-RECEPTION HAVE WOODLAND ADVENTURES ON A THURSDAY OR FRIDAY SO PLEASE ENSURE WOOLY HATS AND GLOVES ARE IN SCHOOL. THANK YOU

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 2nd February – Year 1 Trip to Waitrose

Friday 3rd February 9am PRE-RECEPTION Class Assembly –

All parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLY IS FOR PARENTS OF PRE-RECEPTION CHILDREN ONLY. OUR NURSERY STARS ARE TOO YOUNG TO TAKE THE STAGE YET.

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: Dylan C and Eden H.



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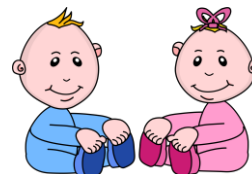


There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers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

This week's Playground Panthers are: Nathan J and Sophia M.

Would you be interested in advertising in our Music Festival Programme?

We are inviting sponsors for the programme for this year's festival on 9th March. The programmes are given out to the large audience of parents from the local area as well as the participating children. The cost will be £50 for a half page and £100 for a full page colour advertisement in a prominent place in our A5 glossy programme. If you would like to publicise your business or you know of a local business who would be interested in this opportunity, please contact the school office.



Please ensure that you have registered any younger siblings to join our Nursery to avoid any disappointment when places are allocated.