



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents

*This is the last November date that I shall be writing this newsletter in 2020 for next week we eagerly beckon in December! The Christmas spirit is glowing ever more brightly ready to move into full speed ahead next week. The school is full of wonderful costumes for our filmed nativity about the very first Christmas of all. Shepherds outfits and soft fluffy sheep can be found next to costumes for angels and donkeys and these have really brought a smile to our faces. We wish you could all be here to cheer and enjoy the show in person but we hope that you will enjoy a film to treasure.*

*The school has also been filled with the sound of Christmas Carols and Mrs Mulhern is preparing a lovely Christmas Concert for you to enjoy at home including the skills of the very talented violin group in Year 2. On Friday, it was the turn of Pre-Reception children to shine as they presented their Class Assembly on the big screen. All about autumn, we heard cosy advice about the right clothes to wear as well as learning about autumn animals and all the glorious colours associated with autumn. Our youngest children in the school learnt not just one but five songs! We were all so proud of them. Well done Pre-Reception for such an accomplished performance and huge thanks for all your hard work and support to Mrs Fisher and Miss Kate Rendall and all the Key Workers: Mrs Savill, Mrs Dye, Mrs Ansell, Mrs Rendall and Miss Pennington. What a wonderful show!*

*Little Bear has a name! Thank you on behalf of the School Council for supporting this initiative. There were 84 imaginative names including Boris, but Joint Chairs of the School Council Ella and Felicity patiently worked together to short list their favourite names and ended up choosing 'Cloud' a name suggested by Max M in Reception. What a perfect name for this soft, fluffy bear. Do see the picture on page 4. They raised £153.35 to their charitable initiative supporting those less fortunate.*

*Congratulations to Gabriella L-T for her stunning ink snowflake Christmas card design which was chosen to be the School Card for 2020. She was awarded a book token and a copy of her card which is being sent to all the special people in our school community and beyond!*

*The Library Raffle was back this week with the chilly theme of Winter. Librarian Mrs Thum assisted Librarians Zachery, Sophie, Ariana, Scarlett, Nancy and Lawrence and delivered the beautiful books to the lucky recipients.*

*Congratulations to Ariana A for being this week's Lunchtime Superstar for always putting her chair carefully back under as she leaves the dining table. How grown up! Well done Ariana.*

*Congratulations to **Kemp** House for retaining their lead for the 2nd week running in the Housepoint challenge with a splendid total of **2082** Housepoints. Well done **Kemp** House.*

Mrs Annie Thackray Headteacher

### Philosophers of the Week

Harrison GF

### Thought for the Week

Do looks matter?

### Merit Awards

Bella I, Logan D-W, Barnaby B, Annabelle L, Bethany C,


Cillian R, Harriet R, Monty H, Harrison G, Thomas M, Ariana A, Darcy W

## Work of The week

### Neptune Class

This wonderful work of the week by Maryam O was inspired by this week's story Burglar Bill, written by Janet and Allen Ahlberg. The children in Reception walked into a crime scene and found that some things had been stolen from their classrooms! The burglar had left evidence that we collected. Maryam, aged 4, used her phonic sounds to independently write a list of evidence to help the police with their enquiries. She also used some brilliant adjectives.



# Evidence



Burglar Bill has stolen the school's cup!  
Use the evidence (objects) on the table to write a list.  
Who could it be?

(A1) (I) You used your sounds to write an evidence list.

1	baby nappy	baby nappy
2	grey hat	grey hat
3	tin of beans	tin of beans
4	stinky coffee	stinky coffee
5	stripy cat	stripy cat
6	big sack	big sack
7	phone and keys	phone and keys
8	baby bottle	baby bottle
9	broken bottle	broken bottle
10	yummy marmalade	yummy marmalade

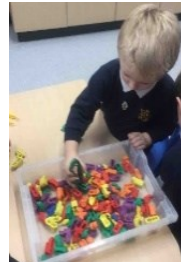



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W (ELG) Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences, which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

LO To write a list

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



This week in Nursery we have been focusing on our 'Funky Fingers'. The children have been working hard on a wide range of fine motor challenges. As part of our fine motor fun, the children have been using their playdough disco skills to create a range of delicious cakes in our playdough bakery, fruit pie being a firm favourite. They used their squeezing, poking, pinching and rolling skills to make the best playdough treats. We have also become tweezer experts; we were able to sort a range of objects by colour using just one hand. We have been practicing our careful counting in Nursery this week; we had to match the correct amount of stars to the numbers 1-10 and were busy rolling the dice and fishing for the correct number in the coloured rice tray. The children were great at making pastry in the kitchen, carefully weighing the flour and butter and using their fingers to gently rub the ingredients. They were super at rolling the pastry nice and flat with the rolling pins and choosing different shapes cutters. On Tuesday we had our technology afternoon, the children were using the stopwatches to time how quickly the cars rolled down the ramps and how many jumps they could do on the mini trampolines. On Wednesday afternoon we were exploring with our senses; we used our listening ears to name different instruments and we used our sense of smell to add different herbs to our potion bottles. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching their own Class Assembly this week and were delighted to see themselves on the interactive board; they were amazing, you are in for a treat! What a busy week. Our fingers and hands have been working hard and are ready for a weekend rest!



## Reception News



What an exciting week we have had in Reception! Last week we learnt all about the real superheroes which are all the people who help us, such as the police, firefighters, doctors, and nurses as well as shop keepers and refuse collectors. This week we read the story of 'Burglar Bill' and learnt all about the police force and how they keep us safe from people like Burglar Bill. However, something suspicious went on in Reception on Tuesday, Mrs Thackray asked the children to look after her very special silver cup and keep it safe but by the next morning a burglar had stolen it! The children collected all the evidence and wrote a list of evidence to support the police in their very important investigation. They also dusted for fingerprints and had lots of fun making their own fingerprints too. Luckily, all the children's hard work paid off and the police caught Burglar Bill hiding in Epsom. He said sorry and the cup was returned safely to Mrs Thackray. Phew! In PSHE we talked about taking things that do not belong to us. We discussed why it is wrong to steal and what the consequences might be if we take things that do not belong to us. We also talked about the importance of saying sorry, just like Burglar Bill did. In maths we have been learning all about subtraction and we watched a very funny video of Mrs Taperell stealing Mrs Sharp's chocolates. We had to count how many were left after they were taken away to solve the problem. The children had lots of fun recreating the video and used stickers to subtract by crossing off the chocolates that were being taken away. Well done children.



**The Foundation Team**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December : *Christmas Post***

**Friday 4th December - *Elf Day!***



**Wednesday 9th December - *Toy Donation Day for the Foodbank***



**Thursday 10th December - *Christmas Party***

**Friday 11th December- *Christmas Jumper Day***



**The proud winner of small bear!**

**Congratulations Max with beautiful  
'Cloud' And special thanks to Felicity and  
Ella for this super initiative.**



## **Spotty Box Awards for success outside school**

**Congratulations to :**

**Juliet F for achieving her Grade 2 gymnastics certificate**

**Megan R for cycling the Downs Link during lockdown. Megan  
has cycled 40km in the last 3 weeks!**



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