



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents

On the last Friday before half term it was Valentine's Day and Mars Class certainly filled the hall with love during their excellent class assembly. The children shared beautiful sentiments and impressed us all with their confident acting as they performed scenes from the book 'No Matter What'. Their rendition of and dance to 'Love Train' was just one more highlight in this wonderful assembly. Well done Mars Class and thank you very much to Mrs Taperell and Mrs Meredith-Bennett for this superb show.

On Tuesday it was Shrove Tuesday and so we put on our colourful House colours and seized our frying pans ready for the Great House Pancake Relay Race. We cherish tradition here and it was lovely to see a race that is thought to have originated in the 15th Century still enjoyed and celebrated. Every child in the school took part. Nursery waved flags and cheered for the big ones and then swapped in and showed tremendous style when flipping pancakes at the same time as running. Do see photos on Twitter and our website. What fun!

All week we have been celebrating the genre of poetry. During half term every child learnt a poem to recite before their class friends and teachers and we were delighted by the excellent response. All children received a well-deserved certificate for their performances. On Wednesday we enjoyed our Highly Commended Poetry Awards and on Thursday Governors Mrs Helen Crossley and Mr Steve Mainstone had the near impossible task of choosing winners for the annual 2020 Poetry Final. Please see the winners' photo on page 4. Huge congratulations to all. On Friday we headed off to Reading to take part in a National 'A Cappella Competition' run by the Independent Schools Association. The competition required a team of 9 Year 2 children to sing without instrumental accompaniment judged by BBC 2's The Naked Choir with Gareth Malone' winners Sons of Pitches. We wish our tiny team who we have called 'The Mini-uets' good luck and are thrilled to be part of this exciting new initiative.

This week we have awarded Times Tables Bronze Star awards to Joseph G, Sophie B, Annie R and Emily L for their quick fire multiplication magic.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Juliet F for trying so hard to try and enjoy her fish pie and delighting the Catering Team with her efforts. Well done Juliet!

*Well done to all the children in [Donaldson](#) House for winning the Housepoint challenge this week. The total Housepoints this week are **1662**. Bravo [Donaldson](#)!*

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This Week's Merit Awards

**Daniella B, Nikhil K, Emily S, Grace H, Nancy H-P,
Reis P, Holly D, Megan R, Alexander L, Gabriel K,
Medina O and Lucy A**

Philosophers of the Week

Emily L

Thought for the Week

Is it good to look in to the future?

Shrove Tuesday



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



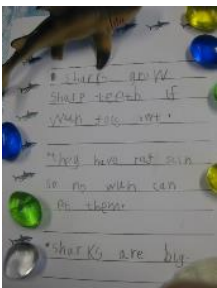
We have enjoyed a very busy first week back after a wonderful half term break. We were very impressed with the children's poems and their confidence to perform them in front of all their friends and teachers in the Nursery. The children were able to get up onto a special Nursery stage and recite their poem with a microphone! It



was very tricky for us to choose just a few children to perform their poem in the hall for all the school to hear; we would like to say a huge well done to the children that were chosen because they were fabulous. We have been very busy in Nursery cooking and eating pancakes, creating our own pancake pictures and shopping lists. The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole school Great House Pancake Relay Race on Tuesday. Our focus book for this week and next is 'Arthur's Dreamboat', which is our theme for World Book Day. The children have been telling us about their dreams and how they make them feel. They have also been making their own dreamboat hats with spots and stripes. We have been amazed with the children's amazing name writing skills, they are beginning to use the correct pencil grip, and are using their name cards to help them to form their letters correctly. What a wonderful week, well done Nursery!



Reception News



Welcome back Reception. We hope you all had a well-deserved and restful break. We had some truly wonderful poems from the children this week. They amazed us with their clear, confident poetry recitals and we are very proud of each and every one of them for learning them by heart. Thank you all for your continued support at home. What a fun way to kick-start our new half term! This week the children have enjoyed writing facts about sharks. We have learnt many exciting facts about different types of sharks and used bullet points to list some of them. The children used exciting descriptive words in their writing too and even included joining words such as 'and', 'because' and 'so' to extend their sentences. We have also been busy learning all about the lifecycle of a shark and have been creating our very own shark lifestyle. The children worked in small groups to place the pictures in the correct place to order the lifecycle. We just had to sing Baby Shark too of course! In maths, we worked on counting and estimating. The children had to make sensible guesses to estimate amounts and then use their carefully counting skills to see if they were correct.



We also had so much fun during our Great House Pancake Relay Race on Tuesday. The children looked wonderful in their house t-shirts and all did fantastic pancake flipping whilst racing. The children were extremely lucky to have had outside adventures with Mrs Self this week too.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parents evening Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March 5.30pm-8.30pm

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Dress up as a character from your house author's books

Saturn Class Assembly 6th March

All Saturn parents welcome to attend

Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am

Saturday 7th March PTA Family Photography Day



MATHLETICS:

Congratulations to Harrison G, Nereya P, Rosie T and Reis P
for their Silver Award

Ariana A, Harrison G and Christopher B P for their Gold Award



The Poetry Finalists this year

SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:

Joseph G for being the 'training superstar' for AFC Ewell

Bethany C for her Headstarts contribution certificate

Megan R for her 25m swimming badge

Charlie A for his 5m swimming certificate

Daniella B for fantastic flamenco dancing and singing at stage coach

Gabriel K for his amazing focus and dancing at stage coach award

Quinn K for being amazing on his first day at stage coach certificate

Elena G for her stage 3 swimming certificate

Mia G for completing a circus workshop certificate



FULL SET WINNIE THE POOH CERTIFICATE: Huge Congratulations to

Lucy A, Sophia A and Thomas S who

has earnt all five Winnie the Pooh characters

by demonstrating **R**esourcefulness, **R**esilience,

Reflection, **R**esponsibility and **R**espect



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