



## St Christopher's School

### Weekly News

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Dear Parents

On Friday parents of Upper Nursery joined us all in the hall for our weekly Class Assembly. This week it was the turn of Upper Nursery to delight us with their performance which centred around a fine re-enactment of the story "Give that Back Jack". This amusing cautionary tale was superbly performed by our young cast and we were also treated to two songs sung heartily! Well done to our delightful nursery children and thank you very much to Mrs Bolton and her team for such an enjoyable performance.

This week we enjoyed two special assemblies. We all took part in our annual 'Dressing the Tree' assembly where each child held up their hand made Christmas decoration before hanging it onto the tree. Do have a look on the website for some photos of this lovely tradition. We also held our termly Music Assembly to feature some of the musical talent so evident in school. This event is always impressive and this year it featured no fewer than 10 violinists, 10 pianists and 20 recorder players as well as our own Orchestra of Year 1 and Year 2 super stars.

Congratulations to Natasha C who won our school art competition to design a House of Commons Christmas card for our local MP. Natasha's entry was then entered for the borough finals and she has just been declared as 'runner up' in the 4-7 year age group. Well done Natasha who was described as "a very talented artist" by the competition judge. Congratulations also to Millie M and Lara K who played Westminster Chimes in our Piano Assembly. We also enjoyed a performance from Sofia M who confidently played a festive piece, Good King Wenceslas and from Stan W who played his own composition. Our thanks go to all pianists for a wonderful performance.

For the very first time the Catering Team have nominated two Lunchtime Superstars this week. Savannah W has been chosen and thanked by the team for her grown up help when kindly offering to stack plates. And Sienna A has also been nominated for her wonderful help during Breakfast Club this week.

Well done to all the children in [Ahlberg](#) House for winning this week's total challenge. They have accrued 1138 splendid housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

### This week's Merit Awards

Zach C, Nell E, Megan J, Harry M, Natasha C, Alex S, Daisy G, Savannah G, Sachin W, Harriet G, Poppy L, Zach C, Megan G and Stan W.

### Philosopher of the Week

Georgina W

### Thought for the Week

Should you trust your own reflection?

## Work of the Week



Natasha C's entry for the House of Commons art competition. Runner up in the borough. Bravo Natasha!



The design by Sophie M in Nursery that was chosen as the St Christopher's 2013 Christmas card

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Foundation Stage News

The Reception team party planners were in full swing this week. They have even written the instructions necessary to make the delicious jam sandwiches that they shared at Gulliver & Ginza's birthday party on Thursday. The games were great fun and the food was delicious. If you would like party advice please come to the experts who can be found in Mars and Neptune classes.

The next important party is of course Christmas. The Reception children have made and decorated their Christmas tree decorations. The children are learning their lines, the songs and some wonderful dance ready for our play. We are all very excited and looking forward to our performance.

The nursery art room is a hive of industry as the children help to make their costumes for the play. Have you heard, Father Christmas is so busy he has asked the Nursery children to help make toys and presents and get them wrapped in time for Christmas, so, the garden cottage is being transformed into a Christmas workshop to help Father Christmas to get all the toys and presents ready in time.

The aroma of Christmas has arrived as the children make mincemeat Christmas cakes in the kitchen. All of the children have been busy designing and decorating picture frames and drawing pictures to go inside.



The pictures will be on sale at the Christmas fair, at bargain prices, a great opportunity to purchase the early work of potentially famous artists.

The nursery children love the story of the first Christmas. Can your child remember the baby's name? How many kings were there? And where did the baby sleep?

Lots of children have been enjoying drawing and colouring butterflies. You do have to concentrate with care!



After all that weighing, mixing, and baking we learn to take off our own aprons and tidy up.

Please remember to return any Nursery clothes your child may have borrowed, thank you  
The Foundation Team

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**CLUBS HAVE FINISHED**

**Except Rugby (last session Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December)**  
**and Ballet (last session Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December)**

Information about clubs in the Spring Term will be available shortly.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Dress Rehearsal for Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am**

**Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at St Martin's Church, Epsom**

*The audience will be admitted to the Church after the end of the Morning Prayer Service, so please wait quietly outside, thank you.*

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11am**

**Year 2 Carol Singing in the Ashley Centre**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Foundation Stage Christmas Performance in the School Hall**

*Please remember to bring your tickets.*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1 – 3 pm**

**PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Please bring in any last minute donations for the Christmas Hampers. There will be a hamper packing "party" on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 8pm at 81 Ashley Road, Epsom. All help welcome!**

**Please volunteer to help on a stall on the day, if only for a short time.**

### CHRISTMAS TREES

**The Old Moat Garden Centre in Horton Lane will be giving each pupil a £1 voucher for each Christmas tree bought from them.**

