



St Christopher's School

Weekly News
Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear Parents

Last Friday we all enjoyed a hearty performance by Jupiter Class. Based on their scientific weather study, the children shared facts and beautiful pictures connected with the popular winter season. The charming re-enactment of the book *One Snowy Night* involving Percy the Park Keeper was hugely entertaining and we all admired the wonderful acting and singing skills demonstrated by the talented children in Jupiter Class. Well done and special thanks to Mrs Kay and to Mrs Clark for this splendid assembly.

Jupiter will join Saturn on Friday for a 'winter walk' to the Elizabeth Welchman Gardens where Year 1 will be practically investigating natural changes during this cold season.

Thank you to all those who participated in *The Big Garden Birdwatch*. You were amongst 500,000 participants across the country to help monitor the changing fortunes of birds and other garden wildlife through the BGB network. The results are due out in March and we will keep you posted.

Nursery have been busy designing, cooking and tasting a stew for a Mouse inspired by the delightful story *'The Bear Snores On'*. The children have been using sophisticated kitchen equipment to grate and chop carrots and courgettes before combining them with an assortment of colourful pulses which they have then observed cooking in the Nursery kitchen to create a delicious stew!

Thank you all for returning your Parent Questionnaires. These have been read in detail and we will be sharing the results with you next week.

This week's Library Raffle was run by Jasmine C and Sienna S with a delightful book theme chosen by Mrs Serrano reflecting the National Storytelling Week initiative. Children selected were given classic Fairy Tales as well as amusing alternative versions such as *'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'* and the hilarious story *'The Pea and the Princess!'*

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Dylan F for his polite manners and helpful assistance with the refreshments at Break Time. Well done Dylan!

Congratulations to **Dahl** House. You are now in first place with an impressive total of **672** Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

Esme T, Dylan F, Erin O, Nicholas Z, Daisy M, Kaila K, Theo R, Myles H, Luke M, Ebba R, Thomas S and Sophie A.

Philosopher of the Week

Kai K

Thought for the Week

For making an astute connection between fighter planes and volcanos!

Work of the Week

We have been thinking about good and bad characters in literacy this week in Year 1 Saturn Class. Emma S created a very unpleasant character using super descriptive language! What a super character description of Mr Horid Neevelweevel Emma!

L.O. Creating a character
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 My character stamnd
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 He had green eyes and
 green spiky^{spiky} hair^{hair}
 and he gobbl^{up}
 up all the cake^{cake}
 then he at all^{all}
 The sandwiches
 he was a meelee
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 velee velee
 arg^{angry} and his name
 was Horid Neevelweevel.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February – 1.45 pm Sparkles Parent/Teacher Appointments

Wednesday 7th February – 7pm Information Evening for all parents – Survival Tips for Safer Surfing.

Friday 9th February 9am – MERURY Class Assembly – *All Mercury parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.*

Friday 9th February – Inter-house 'Great Pancake Relay' – *All children to wear house t-shirts to school.*

Friday 9th February – PTA Movie Night

SAFER SURFING EVENING – WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

Please do come along to this informative meeting with up to date advice and reflection about keeping our children safe online. Please return your reply slip to the school office.



Considerate Cats this week are: Lambert S, Erin O, Paul H, Sophia A, James B and Nathan J.



Mathletics: Congratulations to Zoe M for achieving her Silver Award and to Satvika R, Mia P and Carlos D for gaining their Gold Awards.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Thank you for the lovely Tapestry photographs and notes about the sound of the week 't'. It is lovely to see the learning that we do in school being carried on so well at home. In 'I Spy Cottage' there has been an enormous tiger and a tea party. The children have enjoyed making the tiger a cup of tea and even having a ride on his back! Our book this week has been 'The Bear Snores On'. Our small world has been a bear cave which the children

have helped to make. The children have been using their cutting skills to cut out noisy pictures which they think could wake the bear. Emily thought crunchy crisps would work and Harrison thought a motor bike would do it. Vegetable soup has been the order of the day in our kitchen with the children grating and slicing vegetables and even adding some mouse food (pulses) just like in the book. Making shakers to wake the bear using different containers and turning a giant cardboard box into a car or a secret den has been great fun

in the art room. Our sound of the week next week will be 'p', using the mnemonic 'down the pirates plait and around his face'. It was an exciting week for our Pre-Reception children as they received their book bags and first reading book to take home. Please return the book bags every Monday morning. Have a good weekend!

Reception News

The Reception children are wonderful authors, writing their own books about 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. We talked about the story and thought about ways to make the story more interesting, Joseph decided that Baby Bear's bed was 'comfortable' (not an easy word to write!) They needed a lot of stamina to keep writing all seven pages of their story. Well done children we are sure to hear about you nominated for the Man Booker Prize in a few years.

The children in Mars Class are having fun using their adding machine in maths. All Reception children have been seen adding quantities and numbers with enthusiasm and are enjoying recording their number sentences using the correct signs. It is great to see the children extending their learning independently outside, practising their drawing skills with bears and cottages.

We are working hard with our cursive writing too. It is very tricky!

Neptune Class have all been superstars learning their songs, words and dance for our assembly. We are all very proud of them. Next week we are going to look at non-fiction books to find out more about bears. Perhaps you can study a non-fiction book that your child finds interesting at home.

The Foundation Stage Team



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