



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 2nd March 2018

Dear Parents

On Thursday I was lucky enough to have a preview of the splendid Venus Class Assembly all about germs. This colourful and lively assembly was a joy to watch with dancing, singing and fact finding in abundance and the children had a chance to feed back about their recent science experiments which involving bread and handprints and some very exciting discoveries about exposing eggs to coca cola! Well done to our super Venus stars and thank you to Mrs Lawrence for this wonderful production.

On Thursday we waved goodbye to both our A and B football teams as they headed off to represent their school at Parkside Prep. We enjoyed a set of friendly football matches and the all-boys school certainly admired the girls for their skill and effort. Well done to all the players. Do check out the lovely photos on Twitter taken in the winter sunshine and see the proud team photos on page 4 featuring a delighted A and B Team.

Snow has very much been the theme of this week and we want to thank you all for your sensible approach when sending in boots and warm coats on snow days. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in this exciting cold and wet snow and reluctantly head in after play times with very rosy cheeks!

We were really disappointed to have to postpone World Book Day but look forward to the new date of Tuesday 13th March when you can dress them up hopefully on a warmer day ready for all the fun that we have prepared.

This week's Library Raffle was run by Sienna S and Lily C and the topical choice of 'Snow' was the chosen theme by Mrs Serrano.

Huge congratulations to Esme T, Kai K, Nathan J and John D for achieving their Bronze Star Awards for excellence with their times tables this week with their rapid answers to 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Amelia L for such an improvement in enjoying her lunch this week. Bravo Amelia!

*Congratulations to **Kemp** House. You are now at the top of the Leader Board with an impressive total of **1197** Housepoints.*

Thank you all for your wonderful efforts getting in to school on time. Stay warm and safe this weekend and do try to get outside and enjoy the snow.

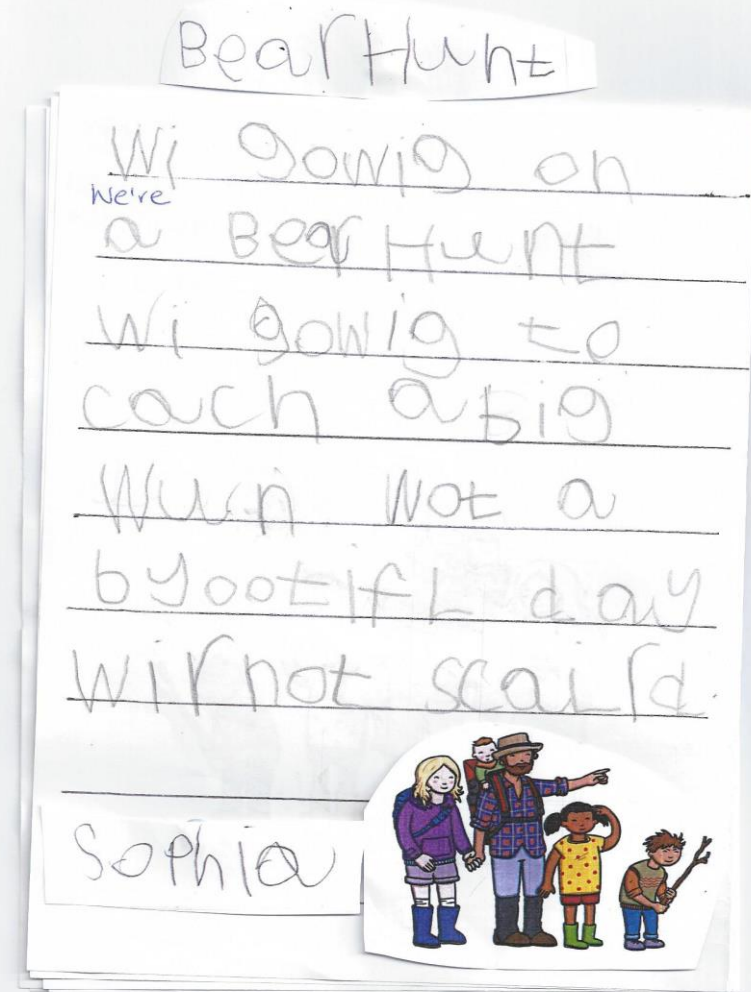
Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week's Merit Awards

James N, Sophie B, Sophie R, Logan R, Emma S,
Leo E, Lambert S, Arabella B, Jasmine C, Andy D, Iman O and Ethan L.

Work of the Week

Mars Class have been listening to the story 'We are going on a Bear Hunt' looking at adjectives. 4 year old Sophia A has independently written this first page of her book all by herself showing great skill with phonics and even using a full stop. Well done Sophia!



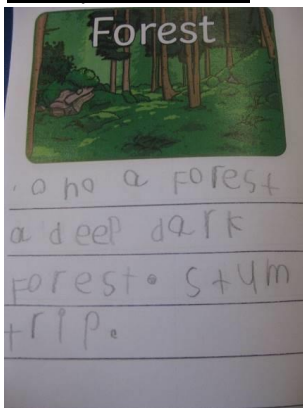
Nursery and Pre-Reception News



This week we have been looking at the letter 'n'. We had a treasure chest full of goodies which we had to pick out and decide if they started with a 'n' sound or not. Next week the sound is 'm' - I think we will have magical time! Inspired by a Peppa Pig comic containing a picture of lovely smoothie drinks with straws, the kitchen has been busy making fruit smoothies. The children were delighted with the results even though they found the blender a little loud! We have been practising hard for our assembly next Thursday morning. We are learning songs and lines, we need to use our big clear voices which is very hard when you are so young, so bring your listening ears next week. Our book this week is *Peace at Last* and the children have created a beautiful scene from the book in the art room, complete with an owl

and a hedgehog. We just need to add Daddy Bear asleep on the grass to make it complete. Our role-play is turning into the bears house, complete with a noisy fridge and a car! As you may have noticed, it has been snowing this week and we have taken full advantage of this by putting on all our waterproof clothing and heading outside to play. My goodness it was cold! Sad news that our World Book Day celebrations had to be postponed but we managed to fill the week with exciting activities anyway and are looking forward to celebrating on 13th March.

Reception News



In Reception we have been learning through the story 'We Are Going On A Bear Hunt' and have been excited to learn some 'Talk for Writing' actions to help us retell the story. We then decided to write our own versions of the bear hunt by making our own books! Just look at the story language we used and the key words and phonics we are applying! Our teachers think we are all super star writers! Looking at the different environments the family travel through has inspired us to make some art work. We added labels and talked about words to describe them. Some of



us even used real mud in our art!

In maths we have continued to practise our addition skills and have been encouraged to work on these independently in our own learning. We have used number lines and mats to help us get the numbers the right way around. On top of all of this amazing work the best activity this week has been leaning to make snow angels and snowballs outside! Mrs Self was particularly pleased with the number of snowballs that came in her direction on Monday! Stay warm this weekend. **The Foundation Stage Team**

DIARY DATES

Thursday 8th March 9am – NURSERY AND PRE-RECEPTION Assembly
– All Nursery and Pre-Reception parents welcome to attend.

Friday 9th March 9am – MARS Class Assembly – All Mars parents welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am on both days.



Friday 9th March – Mothers' Day Events – Details on letter sent to parents last week.

Considerate Cats this week are: Mrs Bolton, Arabella B, Mia P, Fenton F, Maya L, Medina O, Artie B, Myles H, Mr Bennett, Dylan C and Leo E.



Mathletics
Congratulations for Gold Awards to:
Ebba R and Frederick K

Also well done to Fenton F for earning his Silver Award and to Dylan C and Theo R for achieving their Bronze Awards.

Football news



Team B



Team A

