



## St Christopher's School

Weekly News  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

*Dear Parents*

*It is lovely to be back with all the children well rested and ready to tackle the exciting challenges that have occurred this week.*

*On Wednesday we took Year 2 to Bourne Hall in Ewell for the formal opening of the Garden of Remembrance in the presence of the Mayor. The children sang their beautiful song 'In Flanders Fields' with the lyrics by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae written in 1915. This moving song was beautifully delivered and much appreciated by the guests and all the other children from local schools who had been invited. The children listened to some interesting facts delivered by the Bourne Hall Museum Curator and then planted crosses in the special Field of Remembrance. Well done to all the children and especially Andy D and Iman O our two wonderful soloists. Please see the photo on p.4.*

*On Thursday we were delighted to welcome so many of you to our termly 'Sharing our Learning' opportunity. The classrooms were full of excited chatter and proud parents as the children's amazing work was shared and celebrated. We now look forward to next week's Parents Evenings.*

*On Wednesday Librarians Esme T and Frederick K ran the Library Raffle which featured books chosen by our Librarian Mrs Helen Serrano inspired by National Non-Fiction November.*

*On Thursday we were delighted to hear Henrietta L play 'Mary had a Little Lamb' brilliantly in piano assembly. We all warmly applauded this skilful playing. Congratulations Henrietta.*

*We also rewarded talented Eliza B for her entry to the annual House of Commons Christmas Card Competition. Eliza's entry was selected from all the submissions as St Christopher's choice. She was awarded a prize book token.*

*This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Isaac F for helping Mrs Kouniaki so kindly at break time and for impeccable manners at lunch time.*

*Congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg** House for leading this week's Housepoint challenge! They are now at the top of the leader board with a magnificent total of **899** Housepoints.*

*Mrs Annie Thackray, Headteacher*

This Weeks Merit Awards

Emily L, Sam S, Alistair H, Erin O, Rayyan W, Arisa A, Kaila K, Mia P, Rafferty O, Rafael I, Cara H and James B.

Philosopher of the week

Lily C

Thought for the week

Should you always share your food?

### Work of the Week

Saturn Class we have been learning the skill of printing in our Art lessons. It was a real challenge to print with care and precision. Here is a fantastic printed hat modelled and created very patiently by Edison. This wonderful activity perfectly suited our topic 'Where did you get that hat?'



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week has been 'Art 'Week'. We have been like busy elves, making lots of different things for Christmas! I know, you can hardly believe it can you? The children have been making some beautiful finger print trees. The colours they have chosen are just lovely. We have blossom trees, autumn trees and ones in the height of summer and you will be seeing these yourselves in the near future. In the kitchen we have been using salt dough to make Christmas tree decorations to hang on our school tree which will be arriving towards the end of the month. All the Key Groups have been preparing their Christmas cards to be sent off to the factory to be made into real cards which is very exciting! We have enjoyed pulling apart and exploring the inside of four pumpkins. We have collected the seeds and may plant some to see what happens. The children have been using the different construction equipment we have in Nursery to make very tall towers and very long vehicles, using all the mathematical language of size. In Funky Fingers this week we have built up our muscles with dough disco, finger zumba, nuts and bolts and drawing large circles and straight lines. Stay safe this weekend and enjoy the fireworks.

## Reception News

Mars Class have been lighting up the sky this week with their work on all things to do with Fireworks and Bonfire Night. We hope you enjoyed our Firework Assembly. We have looked at a firework display on the computer and used our eyes and ears to describe what they sound and look like. What amazing vocabulary and ideas we came up with! 'Gold flashing', 'Blue and yellow exploding' and 'Bang!' The children then wrote their own firework words on paper or



using the magnetic letters in their independent learning. We also started to count back from 10 then 20. We made rockets and used them to count back and practise our number writing. Neptune Class have been working on our role-play 'Celebration Shop.' The children have been very busy making labels with prices for all the exciting items they may need for a celebration party. They are doing so well using their phonic knowledge to write the labels for their own celebration display they have made. There are lots of super celebrations this time of year so with Fireworks Night coming up we have been talking about the different properties and names of 2D shapes to use to make rocket pictures in Maths. A reminder that Neptune class assembly is next week and any help learning lines would be greatly appreciated.

**The Foundation Stage Team**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November – Parent/Teacher Appointments – External and Italian Clubs only running.**

**Friday 3rd November 9am – NEPTUNE Class Assembly – All parents welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served under the back porch from 8.30am.**



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY –  
THE GRAND ST CHRISTOPHER'S ART EXHIBITION -  
THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 3.15 – 4PM AND 6 – 7.30PM  
- Please see separate letter with details.

This week's Respectful Rabbits are:  
Nathan J and Dylan C.



Mathletics: Many congratulations to Andrew D and Sienna S for achieving Gold Awards. Congratulations also to Rayyan W, Annie S, Carlos D Maxwell D, Clara H, Ebba R, James B, Scarlett S, Millar W, Jessica H, Satvika R, Fraser W, Isaac F and John D who all gained their Silver awards.

Well done to Morgan W, Yin-Lily T, Arisa A, Clara H, Leo E, Annabel V, Maya L and Rayyan W for gaining their Bronze Awards.

